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Hello,

My name is Raymond Legault, of 79 Helen Ave, Coventry, and I am writing to you in support of H 8106.

I have been seeing the effects of restrictive covenants for much longer than I've been aware of their existence--for most of my life, in fact. I suspect that that is also the case for many other constituents. Certain properties have sat vacant for years and decades, squandering real estate, commercial space, and potential economic flow, and generally existing as a blight throughout the state, evidently because certain businesses have been allowed to stipulate these asinine covenants.

I don't know why these covenants have been allowed and tolerated when their primary effect seems to be creating commercial monopolies and limiting the choices of consumers across RI--not to mention stifling opportunities for competitive businesses to generate more spending and taxes within communities--but it long past time to address this problem. An established business should not be able to freeze out competition by dictating real estate agreements that they have no part in (or **should have no part in**). It is time for this to stop.

I support H 8106, and hope to see news of its progress and passage.

Thank you for your time,

Raymond Legault