

Hello - I strongly support bill H7382. This bill reduces the current limits on renting and provides badly needed housing for URI students as has been done for decades.

On a personal note - I have rented and/or been renting my own property in Narragansett for the last 5 years. The folks these rentals bring in are the lifeblood of the town, and with the current limitations there are rooms sitting empty while we have a housing shortage across the state. I don't understand how the town(s) can knowingly limit rentals while there is also not enough housing available.

Perhaps we should consider the next generation of students and young workers in Rhode Island who make up the future of the state as those who will be impacted the most in the short and long term.

I remember when I first graduated from college my only options were to live with other young professionals (4 others to be exact) or moving in with my parents. Fortunately no such limit was in place. By limiting rental availability - we are limiting housing supply and in turn raising the living cost per person which will force young workers out of our cities and great state - which is the last thing Rhode Island can afford! You don't need a Brown economic degree to understand this.

We have many great schools here but if we cannot retain our talented youth they will flourish where they can afford to rent an apartment with their friends - maybe just an hour north in Boston where there is no such restriction on 3 unrelated.

Thank you for your support of our bill and this great state,
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