

Hello RI Housing Board,

The bill mentioned above, (H7382), will reduce the current limits on renting in cities and towns across the state and will have a positive effect on the housing crisis in Rhode Island. It will also provide badly needed housing for URI students. As a URI student myself I find it very hard to find housing off campus, multiple of my friends are even being forced to rent elsewhere since the rent has been driven so high (North Kingstown, Matunuck, Wickford). In order to maintain the off-campus feel URI so highly talks about the change to a 5-person ordinance is needed. With rent being driven so high by past ordinances (3 people, 1300 per person), it is essential to change this or no one will be able to live there (or even want to rent there!).

Thank you for your time to review the 3-person ordinance as it has caused thousands of college students to pay more money, as well as causing more stress than ever needed in the off-campus housing search.

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