

Good afternoon,

My name is Jack O'Brien, I was told by many others to write this email to tell my story about how this unconstitutional law has affected me and so many others. For starters, I am a junior at the University of Rhode Island studying a double major. My roommates and I currently live off-campus in the point Judith area. Getting a house last year was one of the most stressful situations I have ever endured just due to the uncertainty of the law and the concerns of homeowners. Once we were finally able to secure a house and move in, it has been smooth sailing from there. We even contacted our landlord to ask if we could re-rent for the next year because we enjoy the house so much. Initially she agreed to re-rent to us early on that she would make a lease in order for us to sign. But due to all these laws and different bills being passed, she just informed us as of a couple weeks ago that she will not be renting to us anymore unless we pay double rent and kick half of our current roommates out of the house. Now we are stranded, with no place to live and no leads to getting any house. My roommates and I are all in the same double major program so we are constantly doing work which is already stressful enough. But now we have to worry about if we can find a place to live on top of that. When talking to some of my friends, they are all in the same boat as us, and are unable to find housing due to the extreme increase in rent or the unwillingness to rent due to the law. There is no room to live on campus, so where are we supposed to live? We have been standup citizens, and extremely friendly to our neighbors even helping them walk their dog and do tasks that they can't do that well due to their age. I understand that some college students play loud music and disrupt the peace, which I think is totally not OK. But there is absolutely no reason why you should punish everyone else due to some bad tenants. We do so much for the school and so much for the community. Truthfully, without us college students, this town would be a Ghostland with practically zero economy in the off-season. I think that it is completely wrong that you are trying to drive us out and leave tens of thousands of upstanding college students out to dry.

Thank you for your time and I hope you can see that this is unconstitutional and unethical,

Jack