

Good morning,

As a parent of a URI Junior, I have learned that constituents in RI are trying to reduce the number of occupants that can live in one rental property. I strongly support bill H7382, this bill reduces the current limits on renting and provides badly needed housing for URI students that has been done for decades.

My daughter has been at URI since 2021 and has loved her experience on and off campus. She loves RI so much she continues to live there during the summers. With that being said, the ability to have more roommates in one rental provides financial assistance to the families that are sending their children to URI. As an out of state parent, we pay out of state tuition and were told that the juniors and seniors primarily live off campus when we decided on URI. These rentals are imperative to the families that are seeking rentals during the academic year, it is also provide income to your RI constituents who rent their properties to young adults. These students are learning the importance of self resilience and independence while contributing back to your cities and towns. They are working towards a four year degree and may end up living in your state contributing the wellbeing of your constituents. They are spending money in your stores, shops, restaurants and more, and providing labor at at time where jobs cannot be filled. This in turn allows businesses to continue to support their communities. It also creates a safe environment for these young adults to live with each other; gives them the opportunity to watch out for each other. They are also learning valuable life lessons in communication when living with people that are different and providing them to use conflict resolution skills as they grow into working adults.

Again, I strongly support this bill and hope that you will consider how this impacts many families that appreciate the financial assistance it provides when your already paying the cost of sending your child to college.

Thank you

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