

Good morning,

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.

The housing market is insanely difficult everywhere, and it is extremely onerous on families and students to be limited to only 3 students per home. This is a selfish desire of residents to avoid dealing with some noise, which can be dealt with by other legal means other than a blanket limitation that discriminates against students and puts undue financial burdens on their families.

I know in our household, one of the breadwinners is currently unemployed, and I am sure there are others who are burdened financially by these these elitist, snobby, limitations that clearly hurt students and their families.

Any concerns about noise and rowdy parties can be baked into lease terms and handled accordingly.

The time is now to eliminate the whims of some local residents who clearly don't care about the burdens to others. Quiet time for them should not take priority over providing affordable housing to students who provide the town with so much revenue it is laughable that these limits were proposed in the first place. You can't have your cake and eat it too.

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