

I write to support house bill H7382.

This bill 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.

I am a current freshman and was looking into living off campus for my sophomore year. Currently I am on a full academic scholarship, having my tuition and housing fully paid for. As I was looking for off campus housing, the prices are astronomical. In talking with the financial office of URI, they told me it would be too expensive to pay for off-campus housing and I would be forced to live on-campus. I will be living on-campus my sophomore year and if rent does not go down by allowing more people in a house, I will be forced to live on-campus by myself my junior and senior year as there are extremely limited options for on-campus living for upperclassmen. This bill would allow me to live off campus and be an active member of the Narragansett community. I hope I am able to see this bill get passed so I can financially support living off-campus.

Regards,
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