

Subject: Opposition to H7987

Dear Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

As a longtime resident of Cranston and a registered voter, I generally stand in alignment with the views of the RI Coalition of Housing Providers on housing matters.

I wish to express my opposition to proposed House Bill 7987, as I believe the existing law adequately addresses the issue of notices of violations to owners.

The current statute, specifically section (f), already stipulates the requirement for posting a notice of violation in a conspicuous place within or around the dwelling, unit, or structure in question. Therefore, there is no need to further burden municipal officers by mandating separate notifications to individual occupants, as the notice is already prominently displayed in the affected areas.

Requiring the service of notices of violation to tenants seems redundant and overly bureaucratic, considering that these occupants are likely already aware of the violations. Furthermore, notifying tenants of housing court hearings adds little value, as it is the evidence presented by enforcing officers and owners' responses that contribute to the court's determination.

Given these considerations, I strongly urge the Committee to conduct further study on this bill before proceeding.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Stipich