

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **House Bill No. 7989**, titled “**An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – General Powers–Tenant Protection Act.**” This bill proposes authorizing cities and towns to establish a housing authority with the ability to adopt tenant protection measures, including rent control, annual rent increase ordinances, and no-fault evictions, subject to certain exemptions.

While tenant protection is essential, this bill raises several concerns:

1. **Market Disruptions:** Rent control and no-fault eviction restrictions can distort housing markets, affecting investment and property maintenance.
2. **Administrative Burden:** Implementing these measures requires additional administrative resources, potentially straining local budgets.
3. **Privacy Implications:** Sharing violation details with all tenants may breach privacy rights and expose sensitive information.
4. **Alternatives:** Rather than imposing broad mandates, let’s explore targeted solutions that balance tenant rights with landlord viability.

Thank you for considering these concerns. I trust that you will carefully evaluate the long-term effects of this legislation.

Sincerely,
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Please note that the views expressed in this email are personal and do not represent those of any organization or entity, although I do support the position of RI Coalition of Housing Providers.