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I am contacting you to express our concern over this bill that you are considering concerning short term rentals in RI. This is wrong on so many levels.

We are a retired couple having lived in Narragansett for 40 years. We have invested our life savings in a couple of homes in town and our livelihood depends on the rental income that we get from our rentals. We purchased these homes based on regulations in place for decades. This proposed regulation is an overreach on our property rights and the rights of so many others!

In addition to the damage done to individual property owners, this proposed legislation will have negative impacts on the local economy. Having done this for a number of years, I can tell you that the number of tourists enjoying South County summers would be drastically reduced if you eliminated this option for them. Hotels are completely booked all summer long and short term rentals provide a way for people to be here, enjoy the area, and spend their vacation money. In spite of the lack of hotel availabilities, ours and others short term rentals are also booked for the entire summer.

We hope you consider all sides of this issue and the impact on so many of your constituents and vote against this bill.

Thank you,

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