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Hello Legislature,

I oppose this bill because it directly adversely impacts basic, long-standing property rights. Many of us have owned rental property for 20 years or more; we have made the investments required to operate legally and create good experiences for those visiting RI. Many of us own only one rental property and use it to provide income during retirement. Passing this bill will create an unnecessary additional burden and punish those who have made long-term property investments.

Additionally, this bill completely bypasses the STR study and no economic study supports it. Rhode Island depends on tourism to support a stable local economy; this bill will create additional uncertainty, complexity and cost for everyone, including visitors. In my opinion there is a basic misunderstanding and unforeseen consequences regarding how these kinds of bills will ultimately impact tax rates and it is not good for residents. It is a fallacy that eliminating STRs will create more affordable housing, lower taxes or a better tourism economy for our state.

I oppose this bill and hope you will help ensure it does not pass.

Thank you

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