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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Student Housing
Landlord Licensing Requirement – H8363

Dear Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee:

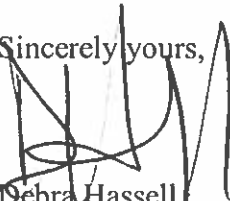
I am writing this letter as the parent of a student attending college here in Rhode Island. I would like to express my opposition to the proposed amendment on bill H8363 that all student housing landlords need to be licensed.

One of the reasons that I wanted my child to live off campus is due to the significant savings vs. them living on campus. In addition, living off campus provides them with life lessons and experiences that will help them to grow and become more independent, especially once they graduate and move on into the “real world”.

It is clear to me and understandable that landlords will unfortunately have to pass on the added fees and fines to their student tenants. This will make it less affordable to live off campus so that means that my child may have to live farther away from campus, or they might just have to live on campus, and that is not the experience that they would like to have.

Before you vote on this, please think about how this will negatively impact my child and my family, and most certainly the State of Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Debra Hassell