

April 7, 2026

Dear Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

We own a second home in Narragansett that we rent families during the summer season. We did rent to students from 1992-2021 and found them to be responsible tenants and an integral part of the local off-season economy. We stopped renting to students in an effort to enjoy our house as we get closer to retirement age. Students provide essential labor for restaurants, cleaning services, landscaping, and other local businesses that make summer tourism possible.

I am concerned that H8363 could significantly reduce the availability of off-campus housing for students, which in turn would shrink the local workforce that seasonal homeowners and visitors depend on leading to higher costs, reduced service availability, and a negative impact on the overall rental and tourism economy in towns like Narragansett.

I respectfully urge you to oppose H8363 or carefully consider its broader economic impacts beyond student housing alone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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