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Dear Senate Finance committee,

This is a correction on the bill number. I sent this a few minutes ago as Bill S-2698. I think it should be S-2682:

I support bill S-2682. I am a part owner of a summer house in Jamestown RI, built in 1917. It has been in my family since then. It has no heat, no insulation, and the water line is not buried very deeply. It is elevated on posts, and beneath the house is a large area that is open on the sides. The water is shut off and everything drained at the beginning of November. It is turned back on in mid or late April, but it is cold then.

I am a Jamestown resident who has a middle-class income, and I live in a 1100 square foot house with 1 bathroom. The town property taxes on the summer house are almost \$20,000/year, and the new state tax would be about \$12,500/year. None of my 3 cousins or I can be official residents of this house, because we share it, but are not there at the same time. We cannot rent it 183 days, because of the no heat no water problem. There is no demand for short term rental before late June, or after Labor Day. A situation like this is not what the law was designed for. I am aware of other nearby shared summer houses that have similar situations. One of these is a historic landmark.

Sincerely,

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