

## SB 2269 Housing Maintenance and notice of violations

To: Chairman Bassaillion and members of the Housing and Municipal Government Committee

I am Dan Liparini, a North Kingstown resident, and I am writing in support of the above bill.

Frankly, it is surprising and pretty disappointing that we must pass a bill that requires residents of a building to be notified of code violations that might affect their safety or health. I'd like to think this just guarantees a quicker notification to the residents rather than a landlord/owner deciding to hold back information, but something tells me that would be a naïve interpretation of the entirety of the issue.

This bill would put all renters/residents on a level playing field, regardless of whether their landlords were quick, slow or indifferent, with notifying their tenants about code violations.

This bill simply requires an enforcement officer to provide a copy of the violation notice to affected residents, along with any related hearing information. This allows people to quickly know about an issue and to attend hearing and monitor the remediation as it proceeds. The likely outcome is that violations get fixed more quickly.

Please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini