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Dear House Municipal Government & Housing Committee:

I am a Rhode Island voter and representative from COYOTE RI writing to you today in strong support of H6087 & H5946.

H6087 "Prohibits application fees for apartment applications" There is no reason that landlords need to run credit checks on applicants as there are other ways to verify an applicants income. They can request pay stubs or the applicants tax return. In fact a lot of landlords do not report to credit bureaus that their tenants are paying their rent on time.

As far as background checks, there are many low cost ways to check peoples criminal records. Beenverified.com allows unlimited searches for 128 dollars a year. We also know that some people are posting ads for apartments that don't even exist and charging people application fees. Some landlords are taking application fees from applicants that they know they won't rent to, because the rent is more than 30% of their income.

H5946- Requires buyers of triplex apt buildings to do something about lead-based toxics. We think this should be amended to require all landlords to have their units inspected for lead paint. In fact states like FL have been requiring this for decades.

Anyone that rents a house/apartment should be assured that they are renting a unit that is safe.

We urge you to vote YES on H6087 & H5946

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Thank you for your consideration,

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