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We are a small business located in Klamath Falls. We own and operate a small 13 space Mobile Home Park, providing housing for low to medium income families since 2002. We have struggled for over 20 years to provide decent housing for all of our tenants in a decent well maintained neighborhood. this past year 8-2022 we installed heat pumps and A/C units to 5 of our homes to make them more comfortable for our aging tenants at a cost exceeding \$30,000. We are currently attempting to obtain funding to provide three new homes in order to replace 3 pre 1976 homes in our park and are being continually confronted with new rules and regulations preventing us from providing nice affordable homes. Now you are proposing legislation demanding that landlords pay tenants 3 months of rent to move. Before that during the Covid pandemic the Legislature past laws preventing evictions for non payment of rents. That cost us in excess \$33,000 for the none payment of rents, plus destruction of our homes, with no recourse for the Landlords. When does the insanity stop? Are you trying to bankrupt the well intentioned landlords? Klamath County just passed an ordinance to cut new permits 50 percent for contractors. NOTHING for Mobile Home Parks. We are a SMALL BUSINESS and we need some help also. So far there has been none. Just higher taxes and more regulations. ALL OF THE NEW REGULATIONS AND HIGHER TAXES JUST ADD TO THE SMALL BUSINESS STRUGGLES AND EVENTUAL FAILURE. PLEASE HELP THE SMALL BUSINESSES. We have always tried to provide better housing for our tenants at a reasonable cost.