

SB 611 would limit rent increases to a reasonable pace per year.

Since we all know that many wealthy people and corporations are now buying up Mobile Home Parks, apartment complexes, and even single homes because they see them as a reliable source of income. But allowing them to raise rents at the current high percentage rate, makes this ploy both heartless and exploitive of those least able to comply.

Why? Because most people living in Mobile Home parks and renting are lower income people or retired on fixed incomes. Exploiting them is beyond disgusting! This is especially true for Mobile Home Parks, where the tenants are only renting the LAND, not the housing units themselves. So all repair costs to the Owners are far less than for standard housing rentals. Yet the law treats them as the same.

I am a perfect example. I'm almost 70, disabled, and have spent my entire life working hard as a single mother once my husband abandoned me and our newborn child. Yet I've had numerous careers, started 2 non-profits, traveled the country helping communities become more resilient and eco-friendly in their designs, and written several books. I even designed one of the most passive-solar efficient homes in the Rogue Valley 24 years ago. But I now live in a lovely Mobile Home Park and live off my hard-earned Social Security. And I am surrounded by kind, intelligent, creative, hard-working people like me.

I also urge you to consider the growing number of existing homeless people that our policies have already created. Evidence shows us that most are the victims (some multi-generational) of a series of systems that literally prey on the poor. Housing is simply another example.

I ask you: **Who do WE choose to be?** Let's stop this cruelty now by passing SB611 and keeping rents regulated for the benefit of ALL involved!

Thank you,

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