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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3034

Greetings from beautiful Brookings, Oregon. We are appealing to you to please support HB3054 to lower the cap on rent in manufactured home parks. We have lived in a 55+ park since 2017 that was purchased by an investment company in 2020 and they have increased our rent more in the past 5 years than all the increases in the previous ten years. In addition, our space rent no longer includes water or sewer charges (approximately \$70) and we are required to pay \$18.66 per month for the meter that was installed and a billing fee of \$4.55.

There are many tenants here that are senior citizens relying solely on a fixed income, and these additional fees and increases far surpass the nominal increases that may occur on our fixed income amounts. Currently, the tenants who are managing to eke by on their available funds (which include doing more with less, I.E. food, gas, utilities, etc.), continue to be assets in our city and Curry County, but just barely. If these rising rental rates continue, it won't be long until these tenants will be forced to find more affordable housing. In addition, if they can't find a buyer for their manufactured home nor be able to pay the monthly space rent, they will be forced to abandon their home, which is most likely the greatest asset they have and will lose. HB3054's aim to eliminate a landlord's ability to require aesthetic improvements or internal inspections as conditions of sale of a dwelling or home in a facility will also aid those tenants that do decide to sell or buy a home in a manufactured home park in Oregon.

Please cast your vote to pass HB3054.

Faithfully submitted,
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