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On Behalf Of:

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I reside in a 55 + mobile home park.in SE Portland Oregon. There are 207 residences and approximately 300 residents. The majority of our residents are on fixed low incomes. The Social Security Cost of Living increases are extremely below the actual cost increases each year. Difficulties paying our expenses increase more each year. We worry daily what our futures are going to be..

The park that we live in we own our homes and rent the spaces that the homes are on. These parks have been considered the only type of properties that low income, and especially senior citizens, can afford to own their own homes. The Elderly feel that this would be the last residence of their lives. Our park was purchased, two years ago, by a big Investment Corporation that own and manage over 200 RV and Mobile Home Parks across the Country. Investment Companies are targeting these type of properties with the intent to yield huge profits without any regards to the homeowners in the communities. They raise the rent the maximum allowed yearly, implement new rules and regulations that include more reasons for eviction and impossible requests and fees required to be followed when homeowners cannot afford to live in these parks and are forced to vacate and abandon their homes if not able to sell them.

This year the Social security increase was 2.5 % and rent was raised 10%. The majority of people cannot afford these increases and feel that they want to keep their homes as long as possible, therefore they are not buying food or their medicines. Eventually they will lose their homes and become homeless.

We would like to ask you to please consider passing the Bill that will limit the yearly rental increases to match the Social Security increases. Passing the bill will save lives and help to prevent increasing the major chronic homeless crisis that our city and state are experiencing,

We realize that you are busy and we appreciate your time to give us consideration in this matter and to provide us your support in passing this bill.

Thank You and Best Regards