

Monday, February 3, 2025

To: Representative Pam Marsh
900 Court St NE, H-474
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: In Favor of HB 3054 for Manufactured Homes Affordability Bill for people with fixed incomes.

Dear Representative Marsh, Senator Patterson, Representative Anderson and members of the committee,

I have lived in a 55 plus manufactured home park since 2017 and retired three years ago. The first year on a fixed income was nerve wracking and I dread the coming years if these costs don't stabilize or go down. I don't know how far my money will go so I am careful. But it is shocking to me how quickly expenses went up this year and by so much more than normal. My park rent, taxes on the land and garage, and the electricity all went up. I have about 5 years to pay off my house (personal property) payment. I thought about moving but a new home is not within my reach financially, so I am better off to stay put and hope that nothing major happens with the park I live in. I am one person with two indoor cats.

My December and January electric bills went up from \$120 to \$200 to \$345 in less than a three-year period. Ironically, my January bill showed that I used 6% less electricity compared to last year yet I am paying \$100 more. I applied for solar power but my manufactured home doesn't qualify. Groceries went up to \$300 plus a month from \$120 just last year. My car insurance rates went up \$50 per month and I don't travel nearly as much as I used to.

I am 71 years old and am in relatively good health, but four years ago, I broke both of my ankles falling downstairs and was laid up in a rehab center for 120 days. When I came home, I had to stay off my feet; I could not go back to work for another month. I had a caregiver twice a week and used a wheelchair to get around. I had to have a ramp built around my house to get in and out. After a year, when I healed, the ramp had to come down and my yard area was a huge mess of overgrown bushes, flowers and weeds that had to be cleaned up. It took two plus years. The ramp was dismantled, and I found a reliable landscaper to work on my yard. There were many unexpected after-hospital expenses overall; I ended up having to get a loan to pay for those expenses, and I still need to replace the kitchen floor that was ruined by the wheelchair making marks on the floor.

Medical issues like the above, are what worries me about the future because they are unexpected and expensive. Expenses for your home and vehicle should be reliably the same month to month. I appreciate that you are giving your best effort to help reduce the cost of your housing, and that you see the need.

Sincerely,
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