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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2967

Dear Members of the Oregon House,

As a long-time small business owner and landlord, I am writing in opposition of HB 2967. I currently own a small mobile home park in Hillsboro Oregon that I have managed for 49 years. It is a family run establishment which, including myself, consists of only 2 full time employees and 2 part time employees. The majority of the money from rent goes into improving and maintaining the aging infrastructure of a park that was established in the 60's.

This bill is yet another one introduced that appears to be targeted at small family run businesses that provide housing. We pass along the screening fees, which are typically below \$60. This is to maintain a safe park that is a desirable place for law-abiding and responsible people. If someone is unable to afford this small fee to establish tenancy, how will they be able to pay rent on a consistent basis?

If the goal of this committee is to assist criminals and those unable to pay rent (leading to higher overall court costs in evictions), discriminate against small businesses, and lead to the shutdown or sale to corporate interests of small affordable parks; then you are succeeding. This is a solution seeking a problem written by individuals that appear to not have an understanding of an entire industry. Please refocus on governmental policies and fees that are driving business down and away from Oregon. As a lifelong Democrat this state has become an absolute embarrassment, and anyone who supports this should look in the mirror and ask themselves why they continue to lose constituents and lose elections on a National Level.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Hilja Davis