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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3054

To the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,
I'm asking you to support HB 3054A.

I am a 74-year-old retired widow living in a manufactured home park for a little over 2 years. I thought I was making a good decision by moving into an affordable manufactured home.

When the park was owned privately, the lot fee increased \$25. Annually or not at all. Since SB 611 passed my lot fee goes up 10 % every year. My social security benefit is a third of that.

I worked for 51 years, retiring at the age of 71. I did all the right things to save for "the golden years".

A big corporation purchased our park a couple of years ago. Today, my lot fee is almost \$1000.00 a month. New tenants are paying nearly \$1300.00 a month. The park, in the past, seemed to be financially stable without charging a high lot rents. Tenants are being told that the budget does not provide for necessary repairs and maintenance to be done. Where is the money going? I can't help feeling the corporation is putting profits before people. I've seen my neighbors leave their homes as they cannot afford to live here. Their homes sold at a loss. SB 608 and SB 611 established rent caps for ALL RENTERS. Manufactured homeowners and floating homes were already in affordable housing but were grouped in with brick-and-mortar renters. Mobile homeowners and floating homeowners own their homes and are solely responsible for making repairs and maintaining their property at their own expense. The landowners are saying mobile homeowners keep wanting more and more reductions but actually, HB 3054A is the FIRST TIME we are asking for consideration to a reduced lot rent and to separate us from brick-and-mortar renters. We are the original affordable housing and want our parks to be desirable and accessible to those on limited and fixed incomes. Please consider my point of view and support HB3054A.

Thank you very much for working toward a favorable solution.

Respectfully,

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