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My name is Mary Bellamy and I live at Whaleshead Beach Resort manufactured home park in Brookings, OR. I am single, age 75, and live on Social Security and some savings.

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself and other residents here and across our state who find our housing security threatened by unsustainable annual land rent increases. Many manufactured home park residents are of lower income/fixed income, and will be greatly served by having a rent cap that supports their ability to stay in their homes.

My rent has increased from \$676/month in May 2021 to \$929/month currently due to annual increases of 10%. The current property owner, Flintstone Properties, states openly that it is their intention to continue raising rents by 10% annually - the currently allowed maximum by law. At this rate, I will be priced out of affording my home in a just a few years. Additionally, prospective buyers will be hesitant to purchase with such looming annual increases.

Given the reality of the shortage of affordable housing in Oregon as well as the nation, the passage of this bill is an absolute necessity. HOUSING SECURITY IS A BASIC NEED IN MORAL SOCIETY! And . . . HOUSING SECURITY IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS! If every dollar isn't going into the pocket of MH park owners/corporations, we have more to spend elsewhere!

Please vote for passage of HB3054, for the sake of your fellow Oregonians who need your support for the critical issue of housing security.