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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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To the Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I am a senior-aged widow who is still working well beyond retirement age. I moved into a new mobile home park in the early seventies as a new bride and have lived here since. During my residency in the mobile home park, I have had four different park owners; three were private individuals, and the fourth, most recent, is an out-of-state corporation. When my mobile park was privately owned, rent would increase \$ 20- \$ 25 per year if the owner saw a need. A reason for the increase was always given. One of the private owners never raised the rent on individuals who could not afford it. My park is for 55 and over and has about 100 residents. About 50% of them live on \$ 1000.00 per month. Three years ago when the corporation purchased my park, our rent was raised almost 15%. Since then, our rent has increased the maximum allowed by law annually which is 10%. The rent has not been used for maintenance and improvements needed in my park. The park residents still need to have a handicap accessible clubhouse, safe walk ways to travel on, improved street lighting, and carports and storage sheds that protect the residents' property from weather and rodents. I am writing to ask you to show compassion for senior-aged Oregonians living in mobile home parks and support House Bill 3054A.

Thank you,

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