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I am writing in support of HB 3054. Many of the residents of manufactured home parks are senior citizens who are living on Social Security and we all know that the annual cost of living adjustment to Social Security is generally in the 2-4% range and never 10% like so many of the rent increases they are experiencing under the current law. Consequently many residents are being slowly priced out of their homes. Even with the passage of HB 3054 and a 6% cap on rent increases that process will continue but at a dramatically slower rate. In addressing our housing crisis the state must assure that that these moderate cost housing opportunities remain available to our senior citizens. Failing to do so will surely result in increased homelessness and Medicaid costs as seniors are forced into assisted living facilities with Medicaid support.

Thank you and I urge you to support this vital legislation.