

Ms. Wilson,

As the State Vice President for the Manufactured Housing/Oregon State Tenants Association organization and manufactured home resident of Eldorado Villa here in Tigard OR, I would like to add my voice those addressing the HB3007 that is being addressed on Wednesday.

My husband and I purchased our home 16 years ago in anticipation of spending our remaining years in a home and community of our choosing. Over the years we have become very involved with our neighbors and have been participating members of many of the activities here. Both of us have served as secretaries as well as Home Owners Association presidents.

Our community is very volunteer active and coordinated. It would be a great loss to have the park sold to someone who would have no problem with disbanding this community. Our present owners are a California company who own several parks in the State. They have no qualms about increasing our space rent on a yearly basis making it impossible for many of our elderly residents to continue residing in the homes they purchased with their lifetime savings. As long as the money continues to flow their way, we can remain in our homes. I have seen many of these people walk away and GIVE their homes to the owners just to escape the monthly rent, water and sewer charges that continue to be billed to their accounts. Should Cal-Am decide to sell this parcel of land, I would like to see the residents be able to consider the purchase of our community. It would add greatly to the satisfaction of our residents to maintain the stability of home ownership and sense of community that is so desired by us as we grow older. Home ownership (not the rental ability of an apartment and it's transient form of living) goes a long way in maintaining our health and independence. Having the ability to purchase our community would lend this stability of remaining in our homes and communities. For some of us it is the last form of independence we will ever experience.

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