

Honorable Representative,

The issue of affordable housing is not just a local problem, but it is also a regional and state-wide one. Manufactured housing has long fulfilled the need for community and affordability. As the economy improves, mobile home parks are being threatened as developers look to make more money by turning the parks into commercial, residential, or mixed use centers. In turn, this threatens to displace seniors, the disabled, low-income, and constituents that inherited or purchased manufactured homes as an investment and leaves them at a loss for affordable housing options.

The key to effectively addressing this issue that encompasses the entire state is to provide the tools and protocols that allow park residents to offer to buy the park when a landlord decides to sell or redevelop it. HB 3007 ensures that tenants have the opportunity to preserve their communities, for a full and fair price, when an owner chooses to sell and not be surprised by an eviction notice or news that their park has been purchased and the land under their homes will be used for other purposes.

I write in support of HB 3007 which provides additional rights to both tenants and occupants. If a landlord gets an unsolicited offer, the landlord is free to accept that offer with no delay; if a landlord decides to sell, without having first received an unsolicited offer, the landlord must notify the tenants and allow them to compete to buy the park. This common sense approach empowers park residents by giving them the knowledge and choice to make decisions and invest in their future.

Sincerely,

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