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Subject: HB 3007

Ms. Wilson,

My name is Gary Walters. I live in the Myra Lynne Manufactured Home Community, in Medford, OR. I am a retired lumber worker and worked at various mills until retiring from Boise Cascade after 30 years.

I joined MH/OSTA in 2006 when our park had to sue our owners over electric bills, in which we were successful.

I am President of our Myra Lynne OSTA Chapter, District Director of Southern Oregon and President of the State Board of Directors for MH/OSTA.

I wish HB 3007 had been around a few years ago as California buyers were buying parks and raising the rent every 90 days. Residents couldn't afford the rent hikes and were forced to give their homes to the park owners.

People purchase their homes thinking they will be there forever, because of rent hikes and park closures they are forced to walk away from their home. When you are elderly that is very hard to do.

I realize that it might be difficult for residents to get together to purchase the park, it can be done.

All park residents want is the opportunity to compete to buy the park, giving the landlord a full and fair price.

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