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Chair Gelser, Members of the Committee:

For the record: I am Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall, and I'm writing to you today to encourage you to support SB 277. I believe this is a reasonable and necessary measure to protect manufactured home park tenants' rights while not placing an undue burden on park owners.

I have been an advocate for affordable housing for more than a decade. I know that we need to be as vigilant about protecting existing affordable housing as we are in looking for opportunities to create new housing stock. Recent years have seen many manufactured home parks change hands, usually to the detriment of the tenants.

I am currently tracking a situation in Newport where a large senior park has been acquired by an out-of-state corporation. Multiple tenants have come to me to report intimidation and harassment by management. They tell me that management is looking for any means possible to break their current 99-year leases and replace them with five-year leases, presumably to make it more attractive to sell and/or redevelop the property. Many of these tenants are frail elderly who do not have the financial means or physical and emotional stamina to withstand this harassment.

Please help some of our most vulnerable citizens by supporting SB 277.



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