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To: SHS Exhibits
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 277

Chair Gelser, Members of the Committee:

For the record: I am a 13-year resident of Longview Hills, a 176-lot manufactured home community in Newport, Oregon, 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 our tenants' rights while not placing an undue burden on park owners.

I have learned that we need to protect existing affordable housing as the hunt continues for ways to create new housing. Manufactured home communities have historically been included in this category. During the past several years, many manufactured home parks change hands, with out-of-state owners entering the Oregon market.

Here in Newport our large senior park has been acquired by one of these out-of-state (California) corporations. I, along with many of my neighbors, have experienced intimidation and harassment by management. We recognize 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. They have actually told us so. Many of my neighbors are frail, elderly people who do not have the financial means or physical and emotional stamina to withstand this harassment. Some of them are now afraid to come out of their homes.

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

Sincerely,

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