

Chair Gelser, Members of the Committee:

I am Stephanie Linn, a Homeowner in Longview Hills Manufactured Community, 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 manufactured home park tenants' rights while not placing an undue burden on park owners.

My only concern with SB 277 is the issue of who is qualified to determine home conditions?

Most park owners and their managers are not qualified to make this call. Remember the possible result of owner's actions against home owners is removal of someone's home! Our manufactured homes are NOT PORTABLE, we can't just slap on the wheels and park it somewhere else. Most homes would need to be demolished to get them off the lot at a cost of thousands of dollars.

I have been a resident here for over 12 years. Our park recently changed hands and our situation has change drastically. Many of my neighbors, including myself have many complaints of harassment and threats of eviction that have not been remedied.

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.

SB 277 is a start to help control the actions of these out-of-state park owners and their desire to make drastic changes in our lives and make our "affordable housing" – unaffordable.

My husband is disabled and stays home. I must work full-time to operate our family business – imagine the horror and fear my husband felt when a 30-day eviction notice was posted on our door over a minor, unfounded issue. Many of my neighbors 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 and consider my suggested modifications.

Thank you,  
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