

Dear Chair Dexter and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3151.

For many years I did voter outreach in Royal Mobile Villas, a senior citizen mobile home park in Tigard, Oregon. I was knocking on doors to remind people to vote and sharing voting information with them. Over time this developed into much more. Year after year I would be greeted as a friend and invited into many of these homes to talk about what was going on in their lives. The most constant refrain I heard was: "They are raising the lot rent again...they are requiring me to do this..., I don't know if I can stay here any longer." And, year after year, I would find long term residents that were gone, having to move because their "affordable" homes were no longer affordable. They frequently had to walk away from homes that they owned but couldn't move, that were torn down and replaced with more expensive manufactured homes. They were left destitute.

I applaud the attention the Oregon legislature has paid to the central role that these parks play in offering affordable housing. HB 3151 is one more tool to assure that those who find stability and community in these parks don't lose it all. Please support it.

Sincerely,

Carol Greenough