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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

Our names are Don and Judee Hofstat and we live in Brookings, Oregon. We are testifying in favor of SB 611 because the state legislature must roll back the rent increases to a more reasonable level, and protect more people from rent gouging.

My wife and I are in our early 80's and married 60 years. We worked hard, paid our taxes and behaved as good loyal Americans. We achieved a comfortable retirement living in a double wide mobile home in Brookings, Oregon. That is, until we received a 14.6% rent increase.

Living on a fixed income, we tried to anticipate future expenses but had no idea our elected representatives would even consider legislation that allows landlords to price us out of our homes and vice us into the streets. When you own a home but not the land, you are a prisoner to the landlord. Without constraints they control your future. Corporations now purchase mobile home parks for investments as they are cash cows with little government regulation.

Our legislators have an obligation to protect senior citizens on fixed incomes from unjustified increases and evictions. Pass SB 611.

Thank you,
Don and Judee Hofstat