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Re: Opposition to SB 611

Dear Chair Jama and Committee Members:

My name is Charles M. Greeff. I am an attorney in Lake Oswego, Oregon. I have been representing manufactured dwelling park owners and residential landlords in Oregon since 1990.

SB 611 is flawed and would have disastrous consequences for several reasons. Inflation affects park owners as well as residents. Rising utility costs, rates of insurance, payroll expenses, taxes, and the price of goods and services have resulted in dramatic increases to landlord operating costs. Rents must be increased not because landlords are greedy, but in order to make a modest profit and stay in business. If landlords go out of business, residents are displaced, many of whom will become homeless. It is improper and unfair to place the burden of high inflation entirely upon the landlords, which is precisely what SB 611 would do if it were to become law.

This bill also presents a huge disincentive for developers of new housing by reducing the existing 15-year exemption to three (3) years. Developers will simply take their business to other states, contrary to Governor Kotek's stated goal of increasing the supply of available housing. Indeed, SB 611 would have exactly the opposite effect and reduce the supply of housing.

In sum, SB 611 is a short-sighted bill which would have disastrous consequences not just upon the housing supply, but upon the state's economy as a whole. Please therefore vote "NO" on SB 611. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Charles M. Greeff