

Submitter: Steven and Rene Moulton

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB611

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

Our names are Steven and Rene Moulton. We moved to Brookings in late 1998 and purchased our home at Tonopah Village in April 2004, where we planned to retire. We rent the land and 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.

We, alongside all the other residents of Tonopah Village, received a 14.6% rent increase. Our lives have been turned upside down due to unexpected health problems for my husband's mother, who is now in assisted living. We are responsible for looking after her care. That's the personal side of our story.

The recent changes at our park—namely the rent increases—are affecting our bottom line, our ability to save money for our retirement as we planned. We expected rent hikes but things that were promised in our contract, still in place, are no longer being honored. It is making a difference in our lives, but it is really putting hardships on many of our neighbors on fixed incomes. It's not fair to take advantage of seniors like this. Legislation to stop this financial abuse is really needed!

Please pass SB 611.

Thank you,
Steven and Rene