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Our manufactured home park has been purchased by an investment company that invests solely on parks like ours. Because of the current annual rent increase allowed by Oregon law, the owners/landlord raised our rent to the maximum allowable increase amount of 14.6% for 2023! Many tenants in our park (and in the many other manufactured home parks in rural Oregon counties) are senior citizens living on a fixed income, surviving solely on their social security benefits. For 2023, our social security benefit was increased by approximately 8%, but the unreasonable 14.6% rent increase we now face more than erases the SS increase that the tenants were hoping to use to make their lives just a bit easier to manage. Some of these tenants will not be able to make their monthly rent payments on time, or at all, and will face the possibility of going through the eviction process. If so, the evicted tenant will not have the funds needed to move their manufactured home (their most valuable asset) to safe harbor, and will be forced to abandon their home. In addition, many of these tenants will not be able to secure another place of shelter, and will become homeless.

It is imperative that the current rental cap be lowered to keep as many tenants safe in their homes, and keep them able to maintain their quality of life. Do not allow corporate investors to line their pockets with the money that is needed to keep our Oregon renters safe, healthy and contributing members of their local community. Please pass Senate Bill 611.