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I have lived in a manufactured home park of approximately 182 homes for the greater part of 15 years, and, matters are currently getting more and more anti-tenant while becoming more pro-owner and pro-greedy. The current punitive rent increase is a gift to park owners and a source of great concern for tenants, because only the tenants are concerned about affordability. A few years ago there was another MH park of about 200 homes in Roseburg that was poised to be purchased by a large housing corporation from out of State from a local owner after the owner passed away and where the heirs wanted to sell the park. But the City said no, citing the problem of the City subsequently being tasked with providing affordable housing for the tenants who would be forced out of their (already affordable) homes, and becoming a burden on the City, with the City not having the resources nor the housing inventory nor the staff to house extra needy tenants. The City, therefor, supported the park in its undeclared mandate of supporting low-income citizens. It seems reasonable that many cities would not be able to absorb extra people into their affordable housing structures, and that the best way to keep affordable housing is to continue to support manufactured home parks, which are already built and already located. A lot of the parks have been converted to HOA's, but those are merely greedy owners in disguise who don't have a problem with raising rents on their tenants, so I feel that the best option for tenants in these parks to survive and to truly have affordable housing is for the park and the tenants to agree on tenant-owned options. And, of course, a reduction in the calculation of current rent increases would help tremendously. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.