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Mobile home parks are not just for "poor people". I worked for over 40 years in the private sector as a teacher, a librarian, a researcher and webmistress. Many of those years I earned a substantial income. But my partner had a serious health issue, a pre-existing condition which at that time was prohibited by all insurance companies, which ate up most of our resources. And since we could not be married, she could not be covered under my insurance. After her death I retired with a modest IRA. After watching my savings evaporate in apartment rental costs, I opted to purchase a manufactured home, and am secure now for the next 10 to 15 years as long as my space rent does not increase substantially, and that is a big IF. With large rental increases, I will be tossed on the street with everyone else -- my social security is simply not adequate to live comfortably. I am proud of my home, and I am asking you to help me keep it for as long as I live.