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For decades mobile home parks have provided an affordable alternative to those of us who are not fortunate enough to have the financial resources to own or rent other types of housing. This is especially true for retirees who are attempting to get by on fixed incomes during their "Golden Years"

The passage of HB 3054 will help lessen the likelihood that current residents of mobile home parks - many of whom are elderly - will be forced to sell and move out of homes they've lived in for years due to unreasonable, and often unjustifiable, increases in rent.

The new owners of our park have said they intend to increase our rent 10% each year. This means that in 8 years my rent - and that of most of my fellow residents - will double from a \$900 to ~\$1800 per month. How are elderly retirees - who are struggling to exist on fixed incomes - expected to pay for those higher rents when Social Security increases at about a third of what the rent increase is? Not only that, but many members of Congress continue to espouse their intention to scale back payouts of Social Security benefits!

Also, I might be more supportive of yearly 10% increases if park improvements and maintenance were commensurate with the hikes in our rent, but I don't believe them to be. Not even close.

If we want to 'Make America Great Again' then why don't we begin with not driving people out of their homes.