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I am writing in support of HB 3054. I recently moved into a 55+ manufactured home park in preparation for retirement in a few years. Many elderly people here are on a fixed income and are not able to get a job to supplement their income. A 10% increase in the space rent, which is their largest expense, is unbearable. In 10 years, the cost would double. This is not sustainable, especially for those with no way of making more money.

I'm sure you have heard a lot of testimony letting you know this. I would just like to add how it affects me personally. Even though I have been responsible all my life, have a decent-paying job as a secretary, and have great credit, I cannot afford to buy a regular house or condo. I moved into this 55+ park with plans to stay until I have to move to assisted living or die.

If HB 3054 passes, I can do just that. Stay here. I live just 10 minutes from my children and grandkids. My son is a firefighter paramedic and his wife is a nurse. They will not be leaving the area.

If HB 3054 does not pass, I will only be able to live here for a few more years, and then I will have to sell, if that is even possible, with the high space rent. I will have to move to another state that is less expensive, where I will not know anyone or have any family near me. That sucks at any age, but especially when you are old.

This bill brings me so much hope and optimism for the future I have been so worried/consumed about what I will do in the future as the space rent goes up. I would have shown up in person, but hurt my knee and have trouble walking.

Thank you so much for considering this bill.