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Thank you for allowing me to present my testimony.

The majority of the houses in Big Valley Woods, where I live, are older homes that are owned by people who are on limited, fixed incomes and low income renters.

My manufactured home was built in 1983. It is expensive to heat and getting more expensive every day.

Adding increasing rental prices creates great difficulty for residents. We are struggling to meet the financial pressures placed on us and we have no recourse to protect ourselves from private investment companies that only exist to make money for shareholders.

Many residents use their nest egg money to buy their own homes here. Many have no where else to go. The higher rents also discourage buyers, making it more difficult to sell our older homes. How much rent is a person willing to pay to own a 1979, 900 square foot manufactured home?

I have seen no major improvements even though the private investment company that owns the land has consistently raised the rent. We are being used as their private ATM without benefit or fairness to residents. It took over a year to fix two streetlights. We have also lost amenities.

Please help us by passing this bill. We are residents of Oregon and are asking for simple fairness.

Thank you,  
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