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Since my wife's sudden death in 2023, I have moved to my sister's house in a senior manufactured home community. I have multiple end stage health issues and could not live alone. Rent increases in the community have made her keeping her home very difficult on a single fixed income, so we have joined resources to try to keep us in a home rather than a Medicaid facility. The rent on the property has increased \$400 per month since she moved here as the landlord has applied the maximum amount allowed by law. So in addition to the physical difficulties we both face, we have the constant worry that we will no longer be able to afford our home. Frequent failures of the water and electrical infrastructure in the community lead us to believe that the increased rents are not even marginally be applied to basic needs, but instead to ever increasing profit. It is particularly distressing to have already wealthy owners ignore the damage being done to the most vulnerable in our state while reaping greater and greater profit. The only voluntary improvements effected in the last year was to the public structures that the landowner said will attract more renters. So we turn to the legislators to consider the greater common good to protect seniors. For this reason I strongly support this legislation.