

I want to thank Chair Roger Hauck and the Committee,

My name is Sindy Malloy, I'm a 67 year old grandmother who lives in Pine Ridge Mobile Home Park, owned by Havenpark . I moved here over 20 years ago. At that time the lot lease (the land under our mobile homes) was affordable, but when Havenpark bought the community they increased the lot rent and added all kinds of unjust fees. Just recently Havenpark increased our trash bill \$2 a month for all 200 residents, we are talking about a \$4,800 profit annually that Havenpark is making off our mostly fixed income elderlies. That may not seem like a lot, but when a senior citizen like myself must choose between medication and a forced increase on our trash fee, it is a big thing. What Havenpark is doing to our community is tragic. Havenpark has even gone as far as threatening pet owners, that if their pet weights over 35lbs that the homeowners will be evicted, It didn't matter that the dogs had been in the home with the families before Havenpark bought the park . PETA was informed about the threats. These type of fear tactics are used against the elderly homeowners as a so-called way of keeping them in their place. Some mobile homeowners are in fear of complaining because they feel that Havenpark may retaliate and find some reason to kick them out of their forever homes.

It is very difficult to decide which of these HB's would be the most important because they all deal with people who are one step away from being homeless. I often wonder when do they reach a point when enough is enough?

After much thought I would have to say that HB4300 would seem to me to be the most important in my specific situation, if I am understanding correctly if it were to pass as Representative TC Clements the sponsors believes then "Promulgation and enforcement of rules for mobile home parks under licensing and regulatory affairs", there would be some control over what they can and cannot do to us. I also like the idea of our community purchasing as HB4298-99 suggest because, even if the mobile homeowners cannot workout the purchase process at least they get the right to refusal, it is an option.

I DON'T WANT TO BE HOMLESS!!

The thought of being priced out of my home is frightening! Now, I am at a point where I can no longer just pick up and move, and if Havenpark price me out, meaning raise the lot rent so high that I can't afford it, with me being on a fixed income, I fear that Havenpark can move in a newer model mobile home, and

charge 3 times what they charge me, while making a profit. I feel as if I have gotten a target on my back, my grown children and grandchildren's back who also are purchasing a home here in Pine Ridge Mobile Home Park. I would like for my family to be able to breathe a little easier, feel a little safer and more secure. They are preying on seniors on fixed incomes to make big profits. Havenpark knows we can't afford to move our homes to a new park, so they gouge us, until they push us out and we lose everything, while they gain our assets and everything we've ever worked all our lives for.

We need our elected officials to stand with Michigan mobile home seniors and families. We need our elected officials to protect us from the abuses from predatory investors. We need our Michigan mobile home laws to keep out bad actors and improve the oversight system, and that is what this bill package does. If you have any questions for me, please contact me at the email below. Thank you for listening to me.

Please support HB4298-HB43004

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