

Governor Katy Hobbs

1700 W. Washington Street

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Re: Protect Arizona seniors living in mobile home parks with a conscionable rent cap

Dear Katy Hobbs,

My name is Suzette Gilbreth. My business partner is Christine Bryson Lazo. We own and operate an organization called Manufactured Home Residents for Change (MHRC). We are in the process of filing for both a 501c3 and 501c4 nonprofit status so we can serve seniors in Arizona and in America.

Together, we both reside in a 55+ mobile home park in Cottonwood Arizona. Through research of the mobile home park industry across the Nation, research about the greedy corporations that have the monopoly and own almost all the mobile home parks in America, and the deep dive into the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, we have discovered many issues. However, our focus is on how these issues are greatly and negatively impacting our seniors in Arizona that reside in a 55+ mobile home park.

The statistic on senior homelessness is on the rise in Arizona and across the Nation. Far too many seniors are currently living with anxiety, depression, and stress as they cannot afford the annual rent increases on their fixed income. They must decide if they can buy groceries, use their utilities, or buy their much-needed medications. Some have had to return to the workforce regardless of their ability and/or disability.

We are very disappointed that you are not running for a second term. You have done a phenomenal job for our state. However, while you still are our Governor we would appreciate your help. We need you to do everything you can to ensure that the elected officials that are proposing bills for a rent cap, rent control, or rent stabilization are proposing the bills that will stabilize the senior population in Arizona. While we applaud their efforts, we know that the current proposed bills ??? are not in the best interest of seniors on fixed incomes.

We need a bill with a rent cap for seniors in Arizona on a fixed income. The bill should restrict annual rent increases to no more than 50% of the annual cost of living increase for seniors on fixed incomes. We feel that this proposal is conscionable as it will allow seniors to live peacefully in their retirement homes. They will not need to return to the workforce in their elder years. It will enable them to afford groceries, use their utilities as needed, and buy their medications. Mostly, this would stop the strain on our state with the homeless populations that seniors are being dumped into resulting in stabilizing the 20% of seniors that reside in Arizona. We need your influence, authority, and power to ensure that a bill such as this will be proposed and make it through the house and senate and land on your desk for approval into law.

Thank you in advance for your time and support. Please let us know how we can help you help us. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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