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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

State Representative

1700 W Washington Street – House

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

SUBJECT: Support Rent control for Senior Citizens living in Mobile Home Parks

Lack of rent control legislation threatens the stability of those aging in Arizona where the homeless population is on the rise. There are 400,000 manufactured homes in Arizona, and a large percentage of these home owners are Senior Citizens, probably one of the largest voting blocks in the state.

While the Arizona Mobile Home Landlord & Tenant Act protects homeowners in many cases, its failure to address lot rental prices leaves us vulnerable. There is a movement nationwide of investors purchasing manufactured home parks and raising lot rents to cash in on this vulnerability. There are literally schools teaching investors how to do this.

Imagine the boon to your campaign if you were to pass a bill to protect the population of homeowners in 55+ manufactured home parks by limiting the percentage that lot rent amounts can be increased periodically. With the current trend of park owners raising rents uncontrolled, the potential for disaster looms when many retired homeowners are living on fixed incomes. Coupled with the current lack of adequate healthcare in rural areas, homelessness would be unbearable for people whose frailty and diminishing eyesight and hearing make life challenging.

We still vote, however, and we're looking for a champion to move forward to protect our ability to enjoy our golden years without fear of becoming victims of uncontrolled lot rent hikes.

I live in a 55+ Mobile Home Park community here in Arizona. We are a tight-knit group of people looking out for one another at a time when families are often spread across the USA. It's a valuable safety net and literally saves lives and provides a social network necessary for mental health.

I'm asking for your support to introduce a bill that would protect us as senior citizens living on a fixed income in mobile home parks. We're asking for a bill limiting the amount/percent that landlords can increase our rent annually. Can we count on you to help protect us seniors, many of whom are veterans and disabled?

Respectfully submitted,