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

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

Manufactured, or mobile homes, have long been one of the country's most affordable housing options, especially for Senior Citizens. According to Federal data, about 20 million Americans live in manufactured homes, that's nearly 10% of U.S. residences.

Senior communities, fueled by an ever-growing population, find this type of home affordable on their set income. Arizona has many of these neighborhoods. An unreasonable space rent increase demands that a household, whose median annual income of \$35,000, equates to being overcharged for what used to be affordable.

I live in a 55+ community here in Arizona. I feel blessed to live here and I love it. However, we own ONLY our homes. The land our house sits on is owned by and managed by a corporation. Laws for the landlords and tenants fall under the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, with no limits on how much or how often Space Rents can be increased. What used to be affordable living for seniors is fast becoming overwhelming. As space rents increase, our budgets are strained. Selling the house we own—not the space—becomes nearly impossible to do because the proposed new tenant finds the space rent prohibitive.

In conclusion, I'm asking for your support on a Bill that would protect seniors living on fixed incomes in Arizona mobile home parks; a Bill that would limit the amount/percentage that the owner can increase the space rent annually. But first, Arizona Law that prohibits cities from imposing rent controls needs to be overturned.

Please consider this letter as a plea for help. Originally, 55+ housing was to help older citizens find a home. You have the ability and the avenue in government to investigate this concern. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,