

Jerry Highfill
Bowdoin
LD 1183

I am in favor of LD 1183. When both bids on a park sale are equal, I think the tenants should have first right of refusal concerning the sale of the park. It evens the playing field and still gives the owner his sale price. A couple of parks in the past year could have been bought by the tenants instead of corporations or real estate investors if this proposal had been in effect. Mobile home park tenants have better quality of life and are able to keep the rent stable if owned by the tenants. Corporations and investors put profit above people and being absentee landlords, tenants have little or no contact with the people who actually live in the parks. My park was bought by Philips International Corporation in 2021. I have never seen anyone from the corporation in my park. All we have is a phone number to call in New York to leave a message. Some times they call back. Sometimes they don't. We had no idea the park was for sale until we got a letter in the mail saying send your checks here and by the way your rent has been raised effective this date.