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Good day, Senators and Representatives and members of the Housing and Economic Development committee,

My name is Jan Kolb and I have lived in Blueberry Ridge mobile home park for 30 years. I am in my 70's and live on Disability. When I moved in, there was a local maintenance manager we could call if there was an emergency. One Friday evening after Philips International bought the Park, I had no water. I checked with neighbors and found out it was only my house that was affected,

I then called Nikki, the manager we have now who's in New York, and was told to wait until Monday for help. If we had a local manager, they could have made a call and remedied this emergency quickly.

I also personally do not feel safe with no one to call due to a situation in the Park years ago, when a male resident was throwing rocks through windows and pouring antifreeze into people's car fuel fillers at night. Because this is owned privately and not locally, the police here are limited in what they can do in these cases. I also had a dead tree near my home. When I asked Philips to cut it down before it fell on my house, they said that wasn't their responsibility. I said, "Then I own the trees and can cut them down?" and Philips said, "No, we own the trees." Well, I feel they can't have it both ways!

Financially speaking, I'm a single woman, and I live on very little Social Security disability. Former owners increased my lot rent maybe \$10 a month every few years. Last year's \$75 a month increase scared me nearly to death! I wonder if Philips International knows what a Fixed Income is? It means that's all I'm going to get each month for the rest of my life. There's no more money coming in! And I have no children and no family alive anymore and nowhere to go. There's at least a four-year wait to get into Senior Housing in Maine.

Please make this bill a law and give us some control over our futures. Thank you.