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I am a senior citizen on a fixed income living in Maplewood Mobile Park at 970 Gardiner Road Lot 11 Wiscasset Maine 04578. I own my home and pay a lot rent. When the new owners bought the park three years ago the lot rent was \$325 a month and it is now going to be \$650 as of July 31st. They also raised the rent by \$100 in January of 2025. The landlords can do this without any restrictions or governing laws in regard to fair and equitable rent control. They have doubled the lot rent in a 3 year period. Maine has no provisions or laws to prevent this kind of unfair practice. I feel Maine should put some kind of cap on a rent increase and a time for it to be enforced before it can be raised again. There is no way my social security increases for the past three years are anywhere near the increase of the lot rent. This bill should cover all landlords in Maine. Please represent the renters of Maine and make landlords accountable for their actions when they buy these properties. Thank you.