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I am here to speak in opposition to the changes proposed in LD1067

Having gone through this process in 2019 when we became the owners of our park, I can attest to the fact that these changes would render the current bill, next door to useless.

In a manufactured housing community, the majority of residents are lower to moderate income families and seniors who have chosen this form of home ownership to provide an affordable living situation not available in today's soaring rental and real-estate markets. When presented with a park owners' intent to sell, their stability is shaken. In formulating a plan, the business of coming together as a community, disseminating information, forming an association, deciding whether or not to purchase, and drafting an offer to purchase all takes time to come to an informed outcome voted on by the community as a whole.

At this time, one in five manufactured housing communities in the state of Maine are owned by out-of-state investors and it is on the rise. These investors and others like them stand ready to add to their expanding portfolios.

"Mobile Homes" are no longer truly mobile. These taxpayers provide a captive clientele for outside investors. They deserve a chance to have a voice in their own destiny if they choose to take the initiative.

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