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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development: my name is Pamela Poggenpohl, I am a resident of Pine Tree Estates in Standish and I am here today to testify in favor of LD 1723.

I retired last year (*2024) with the intent of moving back to Maine to be nearer to my family. I started to explore a new living situation and given my research, buying a manufactured home was my best and most affordable option. I researched various parks and decided on Pine Tree Estates, in Standish, Maine as my best option.

At the time, my research told me that lot rent was in the \$500 range. I wasn't told any differently while communicating with the manager at Pine Tree Estates. Upon the closing of my new home, my rent was to be \$841/month, in July 11, 2024. 6 months later in January 2025 my rent went up to \$884/month. I used my pension and 401k to purchase my manufactured home. So even though I own my home, I still have to pay lot rent, taxes and insurance. I'm living on social security **only** and with my current expenses I can't afford much more than current lot rent. With the current increase and the unknown of the amount for the next one year to year, it is unknown how long I will financially be able to maintain and stay in my home.

Thank you for your time.