



126 Route 1

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Opposition to LD 2149

Dear Senator Curry, Representative Gere and members of the Housing Committee,

Writing in OPPOSITION to LD 2149

My name is Tinamarie Smith. I am Vice President of State Manufactured Homes, Inc. which is located in Scarborough. We are a family owned and operated company, started by my grandparents in 1944. We own two large manufactured housing communities in Scarborough. LD 2149 and the "corrective language" it contains to further expand on last year's LD 1016 will further tie the hands of privately owned businesses that are successful from purchasing other manufactured housing communities in our state. With language such as entities with a net worth of 50 Mil dollars or more or persons who own more than 10% of the voting rights of an affiliated company are not entitled to purchase other existing communities without triggering the \$10,000 per site fee is very difficult to live with. A family business such as ours is worth over 50 million just from the appreciation of the land and our community in the past 84 years. If you want involvement from a family business it's important to give us the ability to purchase other manufactured housing communities without the significant penalty of \$10,000 per site. It gives the ROC entity an unfair advantage over the very thing that many in this very room said they did not want to do, and that is remove family ownership from the marketplace.

Respectfully submitted

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