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Right now in the state of Maine there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the uptick in out of state companies showing interest in buying mobile home parks. Currently, a company known as Crown is attempting to purchase Friendly Village along with multiple parks in New England as a "Portfolio Purchase."

If Crown were to purchase the land, the first thing they would do to recoup their money is to immediately increase the rent. There are a lot of individuals on a fixed income in many of the mobile homes in the state and new England area, with the housing market and rent, most of these mainers cannot afford to live any other way.

If we do not have some control and accountability over private equities looking to buy Maine land, we will continue to add to our issues that are currently affecting this state. If we want young adults to stay in Maine, we need to be able to not price them and other mainers out of their own homes.

I love this state, and want to see it succeed and get out of the mold it has fit itself in with being one of the most unaffordable places to live. We don't need more music venues, festivals, or high cost entertainment projects to keep people in this state. We need to make it affordable, and that starts by preventing outside companies from sending hard working mainers packing their bags.