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LD 1723

Senator Chip Curry, Representative Traci Gere and Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee,

My name is Kerry Read and I live in South Paris. I am testifying in favor of LD1723 to Protect Manufactured Home Community residents from rent gouging by out of state corporate investors. As a landlord, I am well aware of the rising expenses of owning and maintaining rental units. I am forced to raise rents just to cover the rising costs, but I work hard to keep my rents as affordable as possible because this isn't just a business, it's my tenants home. When I see out-of-state corporate investors buying up Maine's mobile home parks and gouging the home owners with excessive lot rents and fees just to increase their profits, it makes me angry.

I want my friends that live in mobile home parks to be able to stay in their home and their community.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1723 to preserve Manufactured Home Communities as affordable housing options in Maine.