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My name is Gracia Woodward. I live in Bowdoin, in Mountain View Estates. When we moved here in 2021, we had to pay modest increases in rent each summer. Then in August 2024 we were presented with a rent increase of \$75/ month. We managed to pay it but it has been painful. My spouse and I worked in human services all our working lives. There was never any money available to make investments. Now we are solely dependent on our social security income. If we are faced with rent increases of \$75 each year, I don't know what we will do.

I understand that there are two measures before the legislature that would mandate that rent increases be kept to reasonable amounts. That would be a Godsend for us. I write to ask you to pass one of these measures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.