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I am writing because I live at Mobile Estates Portland Oregon 97236 I am worried that with these rent increases I might end up losing my home and wind up living on the streets in a blue tent. Space rent keeps going up higher then your social security like last year in 2024 my social security went up 29.00 and space rent went up 68.00 and this year my social security went up 24.00 and rent went up 78.00 in January 2025 rent went up 60.00 and in April we got another raise of 18.00 so that totals 78.00 this year around the end of each month we get a paper statement of our rent and I was shocked when I got my statement at the end of March that rent increased another 18.00 without a 3 month notice of increase. We expect to pay the same amount every month from January until December. I lost my husband in June 2023 unexpectedly and paying everything myself it's harder on me with only one income. After I pay rent I only have 62.00 left of my social security so I work 4 hours a week as a caregiver just to make a little more money to live on the rest of the month because there is no way I can live on 62.00 a month. I asked the owners of Mobile Estates that your increasing rent more then my social security goes up and the response I got from them was I am not here for you I am here to make money. I can't even afford to heat or cool my home in winter I wrap up in a blanket and summer I wet myself down with a hose to cool down I don't cook because I don't want a high electric bill so I live on sandwiches or food I can put in the microwave. I don't have a phone because I can't afford a phone bill, I don't have cable I have over the air tv and I don't have internet I go to a public place to get on the internet. I don't drive because I can't afford to drive so I get around on my bike lucky I have Fred Myer's two miles up the street or I go to the store with a neighbor when they go to the store if I have a lot of shopping to do. I wish that the senator of Oregon could completely stop rent increases for a couple of years to get people to catch up and after that space rent should not go up no more than your social security does like if social security goes up 2.5 like it did this year then space rent should only go up 2.5 two months ago I slipped and fell and injured my knee and I still went to work in pain because I need that extra money to live on the rest of the month. I worry about these increases because if something happens with my health we're I can't work anymore than I don't know what I would do right now at 62 I still can work but I am not getting any younger. Also my hot water heater went out and I can't afford to replace it so I heat water up in the microwave to sponge bathe. I have things in my manufacture home that needs to be fixed but I can't afford to fix them. Something definitely needs to be done about these greedy owners. I moved to Mobile Estates in February 2017 and space rent was under 600.00 now it's almost 1100.00 to live here that's around 500.00 increase in 8 years. Something definitely needs to be done about these rent increases. And also these greedy owners are starting to put working people in here

with kids not social security people and this is a 55+ park and the sign is still up 55+ plus park if this is no longer going to be a 55+ park then the sign should be taken down. When I first moved here 8 years ago with my husband only one had to be 55 which my husband was over 55 and I was not 55 yet I had a whole year before I turned 55 but the owners said nobody under 18 can live here but now there putting people in this park with Babies and kids it's not right when the sign is still up in front 55+ park. This park has around 250 homes in here just guessing but I know it's over 200 homes in here. I say again please do something about these rent increases that are hurting peoples budgets this needs to stop before we all lose our homes. It's sad when most of what we make goes towards rent. Please stop this.