

April 26, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

RE: House Bill 2761

Dear Senate Committee members on Housing and Development,

As a Constituent, I oppose the Proposed House Bill 2761

I am a Manufactured Home Park Manager and as so in 2016 we had an ownership change. The new owners wanted to update the Park Rules and Regulations. Because over 60% of my community was of the Hispanic descent I asked if they would put the rules in Spanish as well as English.

The new owners agreed and commissioned a professional firm to do just that. It took time and \$1699.00. Once completed each tenant received a copy of the proposed Rules and Regulations in 2 languages.

You would think this was a good thing but it was not. Many of the Spanish speakers were convinced that there were 2 different sets of rules. One for the English Speakers and one for the Spanish speakers. It turned out that there were several different dialects of “Spanish” within our one community! And many of the English only speakers felt the same way. Making the translation worthless. And the project then abandoned.

As the Community Manager I think it is my responsibility to make sure that the tenants proposed OR current understand any document that may be sent out. I do this by giving all proposed OR current tenant the opportunity to seek translation by someone they know and trust, or an attorney.

I have these questions if this Bill were to pass:

- 1) Who will translate the documents?
- 2) Who will pay for the translations?
- 3) Who will verify that each translation meets the needs of EVERY community?

For all these reasons I Oppose the Proposed HB2761

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Hall".