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I am a 73 year old retired occupational therapist. My husband of 51 years and I own our home. We have family members who rent. They each have been negatively impacted by rent increases at 10% or higher for the last 3 years.

I also know 2 senior citizens who had to move due to increases in rent when a private equity company purchased their apartment building, where they hoped to live until their death. That company added fees for "outdoor lightening" and some other previously un-itemized charges, in addition to increasing the monthly rent- beyond what these two women could pay. Because they had help from family, they each were able to move to smaller and lower-rent apartment. I have no idea whether some of their neighbors became homeless.

We all acknowledge there is a housing crisis in our state due to high rents and fewer family wage jobs compared to years ago. Please vote SB 611 out of committee.

Thank you for your service to our state and for considering my comments,
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