

Thank you, Chair Roger Hauck and Committee,

I would also like to thank Rep John Cherry and Rep Mike Mueller personally for introducing this package of bills into the house last fall and a warm thanks to Mike Moon for meeting with myself and the community leaders. I would have come in person unfortunately my family and I are suffering from severe health issues.

I support HB4298-HB4304.

My name is James Grant, my wife and I live in Swartz Creek Estates, now owned by Havenpark Management. After we moved in the community and started the purchase of our home in 2017, Havenpark took over in 2018.

My wife and I had owned a condo, we decided to downsize and chose Swartz Creek because of its low entry rates of \$300 a month. The previous management had imposed a small increase of \$10 during the first year we lived here, before Havenpark took over. Once Havenpark took over our lot rent went from \$310 \$420 along with excessive fees we are now paying approximately \$507 a month not including consumer obligations. This drastic change of sudden increases posed severe financial and emotional undue stress and strain on my wife and me. Our already challenged health had taken an unhealthy blow. This company has no regard for the hardship they are putting our elderly and seniors under with their evictions, foreclosures, penalties, and exorbitant rent increases.

Meanwhile they treat us like the proverbial "Trailer Trash". We are not living a "Trailer Park Boys" episode. We are hard working or retired, career seniors, elderly and young families with hopes, dreams and ambitions the same as the rest of suburbia.

I am a board member of our resident's association Michigan Manufactured Home Residents for Affordable Housing. I came to this community with the experience of being the President and Board Officer of the HOA where I previously resided. I was a businessman and civic leader in Clio for over 15 years. I was an officer and board member for the DDA, Clio Chamber, Clio Rotary, and various committees. It is in my second nature to help organize our neighbors in the push for fair and affordable housing once presented with this obvious oppression from Havenpark.

I'd like for our community to be resident owned, for legislation to insure that our lot rent is regulated by Consumer Price Index, and for legislation to make the eviction process fair with more criterias.

I ask you to meet with us to explore ways to make changes, as we want to stand up and fight this oppressive treatment, as many grassroots members across the country are known for. We need our elected officials to stand with Michigan mobile homeowners elderly, seniors, and families in protecting us from the abuses predatory investors like Havenpark brings with them. We need updated Michigan Mobile Home Laws to keep out bad actors and improve the oversight system.

Please support HB4298-HB4304

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