



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Chairman Gray and House Transportation & Local Government Committee,

On behalf of the Pitkin County Board of Commissioners, we urge the House Transportation and Local Government Committee to vote YES and support HB 19-1309: Mobile Home Park Act Oversight. Pitkin County supports this legislation as it ensures enforcement of the existing Colorado Mobile Home Park Act, grants permissive authority for counties to regulation mobile home parks in their jurisdictions, and protects the property rights of mobile home owners by extending time to cure lot rent and to move or sell a home in the case of an eviction from a park.

Mobile homes are the largest source of unsubsidized affordable housing in the U.S. and as with other forms of housing, it is common for individuals and families to have much of their wealth invested in their mobile home. Because most people living in mobile home parks own their home but not the underlying land upon which it sits, property owners can wield significant power over their housing security. There exists a pattern of mobile home park residents facing fines or being evicted by property owners, often for illegitimate reasons, and given as little as 48 hours to move or sell their homes. Violation of unfair and impractical park rules is often used by property owners as grounds for eviction, which leads to mobile home owners not taking action to address health, safety, or other park concerns out of fear of retribution.

Pitkin County understands firsthand the vulnerability mobile home owners face. To ensure housing stability and maintain affordable housing for mobile home owners within our jurisdiction, the County has purchased the land from property owners at three mobile home parks. Ensuring adequate oversight of the Mobile Home Park Act is critical for maintaining housing stability when local jurisdictions are not always able to purchase the property and preserve the housing. Mobile home parks are the foundation to creating a safe, affordable path to financial stability to much of Colorado's population.

Colorado and its local governments must take action to establish and strengthen state and local policies that provide protections for mobile home owners and renters to provide more stability for these affordable communities. For these reasons, Pitkin County urges you to vote YES in support of HB 19-1309, enforcement of the MHPA, local authority for counties and extension of time to cure rent and move or sell a home to address the rights of mobile home owners and renters.

Sincerely,

Greg Poschman,
Chair
Pitkin County Commissioners

cc: Representative McCluskie
Senator Fenberg

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