

Testimony by April Heinz

RE: SB. 2159

My name is April Heinz and I am a resident of Colonial Estates in Bismarck, ND. I am in support of this bill as there NEEDS to be protections in place for us home owners. If the bill stays as written these out of state wealthy owners are able to charge ridiculous fees.

A few years ago, a trailer house was the only option in our price range. My husband and I both work full time jobs and have kids living in our house. We want to keep our protections in place as we don't really have any other home options at this point.

In August 2019, new owners came in and a lot changed in our community. Lot rent spiked and currently is \$435, that is more than our house payment! Utilities that were previously included in the rent were now added to the bill. We also got the community to meet together in a school gym to visit with the new owners about their ridiculous 30-page lease. We previously had a 1-page lease. Thankfully with community support and discussion with the new owners, they changed some verbiage and it went down to 9 pages, but it still dictates us how they want us to live our lives.

We pay them rent for the dirt "our house" sits on and the land that "WE" maintain. "WE" deserve protections.

I would strongly urge a DO PASS recommendation for SB 2159. Thank you.