

My name is Liza Andrew and I support SB 2385.

As a young person just starting out in life renting was the most reasonable option for me. What I imagined that would entail was much different from what I experienced. I am now a 23 year old who is essentially for the moment financially ruined thanks to the dirty business practices of Valley Rental. Although I rented from an apartment, mobile home parks are facing much the same struggles.

Out of state investment groups buy up properties in North Dakota and then proceed to abuse their power. And tenants are powerless to fight back. Mobile home owners face the same issues apartment renters do comply or be homeless.

Tenants are continuously told that if they are unhappy then they can move. Where? To another property owned by another out of state investment group? To suffer the same abuse or worse?

Or we are told to get a lawyer. That's difficult when there are no lawyers who will represent us tenants. We are left to ourselves to advocate for ourselves in small claims. And in order for us to be successful in that area we need clear cut, strict guidelines for both parties to follow.

Cooperations need to be held accountable. And SB 2385 has the means to do that. Businesses need to be ethical or suffer consequences. Without consequences, businesses are the ones that run society. And the effects of that can be substantial over time.

Please do pass SB 2385.

Thank you.