

Chair and Members of the [House Industry, Business and Labor](#)

Please consider DO PASS recommendation for SB 2385

My name is Mike Connelly, and I have been a citizen advocate for fellow citizens throughout the state of North Dakota regarding investment companies taking over sales of manufactured home park properties since 2017. Although, I am currently an advocate as a local elected official. I want to make it clear that I am only representing my perspective and NOT in any capacity is an official stance of any organization or entity.

I have already submitted testimony both written and in person when this bill was before the Senate and would encourage you to refer to that as it has more detailed content. In my in-person testimony, I specifically spoke in relation to many of the questions Senators raised that would not appear in my written version.

Summary recommendation is to encourage a DO PASS. International and out of state investment companies have placed hardships on states and communities all over the United States. Affordable housing without government subsidy is quickly becoming a non-existent reality and homelessness in Bismarck is up 26% in the last 4 years and 16% nationally in the last year.

Passing 2385, will provide us more teeth to hold manufactured home park ownership accountable to compliance to our state laws, whilst NOT having to compromise substantial numbers of residents to move on short notice.

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