

I live in a mobile home park in Huntington Beach. Even though mobile homes have been removed from all rent protection bills this year, and once again, will not receive any assistance from legislators, I support the ideal of a “safe and affordable place to call home, as a right, not as a privilege.”

Skyrocketing rent prices are increasingly out of reach for middle- and low-income renters. In September of 2022 my monthly space rent was increased almost \$200 per month to \$2300. Mobile homeowners in our county are currently paying 60 – 90 percent of their income for housing costs, forcing medical care, prescriptions, and food, to be luxuries.

Mobile homeowners also pay mortgages, taxes, insurance and all upkeep on their homes, unlike apartments where renters have their units and appliances maintained by the landlord.

If the cost-of-living rates remain as they are my rent will increase another \$200 this year, 2023 and \$200 next year, 2024 and I will not be able to afford to live in my home where I have resided since 1990. My home was built in 1965. To qualify to live in my community, you need to earn almost \$10,000 per month, approximately \$120,000 a year.

Sadly, for me, no one that earns that much money is going to buy my 1965 mobile home, so not only can I not afford to live here, I will be forced to vacate my home with nowhere to go, in which case the park will take ownership of my home. It's a myth that mobile homes are easily moved. We're trapped where we are.

I implore you to support legislation that puts caps on rental increases to assist other renters. Homelessness is a real threat to mobile homeowners in California.