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<u>Sample Letter to Representative or Senator</u>

Date

The Honorable_____
Minnesota House of Representatives or Minnesota Senate
Office Address of Representative or Senator

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

(In your first paragraph, include personal information)
My name is (your first and last name). I am a resident of the (your park's name) manufactured home park in the district you represent. I have lived here for (the number of) years.

(In your second paragraph, describe the issue that concerns you, and include a personal story)
Tell your representative what the issue is, why it is important to you, and how it affects you and/ or your community.

> *For example*: My manufactured home park provides housing I can affordable, but leaves me in a vulnerable situation because I own my home, but only rent the land. If the park owner closes the park, I will likely lose my home because it is too old or costly to move, or there aren't other parks to move it to in my area. Even if the park doesn't close, I face a variety of other problem (unfair rules, large rent increases, unaddressed maintenance issues).

(In your third paragraph, identify how you want to see the issue solved)
Tell your representative what the solution is to your issue, how it solves the problem, and why you support it.

> *For example*: One solution to all of these problems is for us to own both our homes and the land. In Minnesota, there are ten resident-owned communities, but this is out of over 900 parks. Some states allow residents to make an offer any time their park is for sale. I support a bill (House File 112 / Senate File 1282) that requires the park owner to give us 60 days' notice before they sell the park, so we can put in an offer.

(State what you are asking the legislator to support or oppose)
Tell your representative you want them to support the bill and ask them to give you a response.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Your Name
Your Street Address
Your City, State, Zip Code
Your E-mail
Your Phone Number