

Good morning Chairman Reynolds and members of the Select Committee on Housing:

My name is Alma Angel (Jean). I apologize for not appearing before you in person; I have been ill and unable to make the trip. I have asked that Dan or Val be allowed to make this written statement before you.

I have lived in Colonial Estates since November, 2010. This was to be my "retirement home" and for the most part I have been satisfied and happy with the transition. I retired from the Ohio Senate in 1997, sold my house and moved to Lancaster to enjoy my retirement. I was secretary to several different Senators, a committee secretary, and secretary to the Senate Clerk. I worked the last years of my service to the Ohio Senate as Committee Secretary to The Honorable Cooper Snyder. Upon Senator Snyder's retirement, I was secretary to Senator Doug White. I started in 1970 and enjoyed every minute of my service. I've met many dignitaries and learned so much in my career. I'm thankful for that.

I'm sorry for the long introduction...now to my testimony on the case you are hearing testimony on!

There are many problems of neglect of responsibility in Colonial Estates that have been going on for some time now. I will not point fingers but we all know that the "buck stops" at the corporate offices. As a resident I am concerned but will make my testimony pertinent to my direct issues in this case. The rising rent is a thorn in the side of many residents of mobile home parks throughout Ohio. It is a tough battle to fight big corporations with a slew of attorneys whose interests are solely on the corporations' ability to make money. The next issue directly involving my plat of land in Colonial Estates are the trees on my property.

The specifics of the trees (1 being Honey Locust) which the arborist has made a determination on needs to be ^{removed} trimmed. I have had this tree trimmed twice. Another is a huge Maple abutting natural gas meters against my back entrance. I don't know the schematics of how or where the pipelines are in this situation but I do know that the roots from this tree have dislodged my back steps and God knows what the roots are doing to the gasoline running underneath the ground. It is terrifying at times.

I urge the members of this Select Committee to do whatever is in your power to highlight not only this particular mobile home park but those all across the state who also have issues with their park. You are in a position to help those living in these parks who run against a brick wall when trying to make changes.

Many are seniors on a fixed income or families who have had a run of hard times and can't afford the rent hikes or keep their trees trimmed -

I thank each of you for listening to my testimony and pray that something good will come of this effort, we are depending on you. Thank you Madam Chairman ~~for your patience in this matter~~

Jean Angel

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