



Testimony of The Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association on
S.B. 373, H. B. 5538 & H.B. 5871.

The Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association represents the owners and managers of manufactured housing communities in Connecticut. Our members own communities which lease space to residents on which they can locate their individually owned homes. In the event that the eviction of such a resident-owned home becomes necessary, these eviction statutes apply. We are writing to ask that any legislative action which may occur recognize that bills such as these do not apply only to the property of evicted apartment or storage unit renters, but also to full homes such as are found in our communities. While we are not in favor of any change in the current statute, we ask that any remedy you undertake consider the effect of such change on our and our residents' situations as well. The storage of an evicted home is a considerably different situation than the storage of the contents of an apartment and warrants separate consideration. Often the home in question may have lien holders who have an interest in the home. Such a situation can result in the community owner having to retain the home (which may well be abandoned by this time) in the community. This creates an unnecessary hardship on the neighbors of the home as well as on the community owner. We welcome an opportunity to discuss this situation further with the committee to develop an approach that would apply equitably to our unique situation.

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