Predatory Practices: Raised rent, new fees for utilities- Happening Across Iowa

Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Parks

-From Iowa Public Radio- Lawmakers See New Protections for Iowa Mobile Home Park Residents 4-17-19

- 600 Mobile Home Parks in Iowa.

-6% of Americans live in mobile home parks.

-These predatory practices have been happening throughout the country over the past 20 years. These corporations call residents’ hostages in training material.

-In the past decade, state legislators have failed twice to pass bills aimed at better protecting residents.

RV Horizons (now Impact MHC Management LLC)

 -April 2019- Des Moines Register Waukee, Iowa

 -Facing a more than $200 rent increase (69%)

 -Notices on the doors of 300+residents notifying of increase from $290 to $500/month.

-Iowa Law does not limit how high of a rent increase landlord can give to tenants of trailer parks.

 -May 2019- Des Moines Register Indianola, Iowa

 -New leases handed out saying rent may be adjusted from time to time.

-11 pages of new rules allows residents to be evicted for everything from their visitor’s drunkenness, exceeding the posted speed limit, and having toys in the yard.

 -September 2019- Telegraph Herald Dubuque, Iowa

 -Rent increases of 48%.

-Iowa Legal Aid assisted 9 tenants so far in Table Mound and assistance from General Relief has been provided as well.

Other places effected: North Liberty, Iowa City, West Branch, Huxley, and more. Who’s Next?

Call To Action: What can we do?

Advocacy, Funding

Talk to your local Representatives and Senators about the policies and what they are currently working on regarding manufactured homes.