

**Sample letter for action to be sent to Senator Joe Gruters, (Sarasota)
Chair of the Regulated Industries Committee**

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Senator Gruters
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Dear Senator Gruters,

I am a homeowner at (insert name of community). This is a mobile home community where we own our homes and rent the land. Florida Statute 723 also known as “Florida Mobile Home Act” was created because there are factors unique to mobile home owners and mobile home park owners which reduced the bargaining power of home owners whose rights must be protected.

2023 Senate Bill 1378 has been filed by Florida State Senator Ed Hooper to make meaningful changes to the statute. It creates enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General. It clarifies maintenance requirements for park owners and prohibits attempts to enforce rules not adopted pursuant to this statute. It prevents owners from collecting proposed rent increases with pending litigation or mediation. This bill allows HOA’s to represent some or all the homeowners in legal proceedings. An important component of the changes provides for treble damages to a prevailing party which should help reduce frivolous suits and owners weaponizing the threats of eviction and legal action. This is only a partial list highlighting the significance of this legislation.

The passing of this bill would help many thousands of your constituents without hardship to owners. In fact, helping them to do the right things would only make them better landlords and improve their image with residents. There will no doubt be push back from owner lobbyists and getting this passed will take support from many like yourself.

The unequal bargaining position between manufactured/mobile home owners and wealthy park owners has never been more dramatic or worrisome. Home owners need some assistance and relief!

I respectfully request your support by placing this bill on the agenda of the Regulated Industries Committee.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Signed _____
Print Name

Signature

Address _____