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To Whom It May Concern:

In my eight years representing the 34th Senate District in the California State Legislature, from 1998 through 2006, I served as chair of the Senate Select Committee on Mobile and Manufactured Homes and authored many bills to protect the rights of mobilehome owners. During this time, I came to know and work with Sacramento attorney Maurice Priest, who has served as legislative advocate for the Golden State Manufactured-home Owners League (GSMOL) for over 25 years representing the interests of California mobilehome owners and residents of mobilehome parks.

In addition to advocacy on behalf of mobilehome owners before the California State Legislature and its committees, Mr. Priest has represented their interests before numerous meetings and boards of administrative agencies, such as the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and served as the first chairman of the State Bar Committee on Mobilehome Law. Mr. Priest has regularly testified before various committees of the Legislature on mobilehome and housing bills, including the Senate Housing Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee, both of which I have chaired during my tenure in the State Senate.

Mr. Priest also serves as president of a non-profit housing corporation known as Resident Owned Parks, Inc. ("ROP"). ROP's purpose is to preserve affordable housing in the mobilehome context by representing mobilehome park residents in the purchase and management of their parks. Due to his extensive knowledge of mobilehome park issues, including legislation and statutes relating to conversion of parks to resident or non-profit ownership, I believe Mr. Priest's expertise has been effective in such transactions in helping to keep mobilehome parks affordable for seniors as well as other families.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Dunn".

JOSEPH L. DUNN
Senator, 34th District

