

# Liberals did nothing in mobile home crisis

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A letter suggested that more rental housing would be built "if only the provincial government would change the act to allow a safe and fair return to investors" (May 1).

There are 1,300 investors and their families who have had everything taken away from them. This includes our futures. Many have had to declare bankruptcy, many are now homeless. If it wasn't for the kindness of friends, I'd be sleeping on the streets.

This is a direct result of the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act, which allows landowners to evict tenants with only one year rent as compensation -- about \$4,000 or less. This is a product of the B.C. Liberal government.

Both the Residential Tenancy Act and the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act should be changed. They need to be balanced and fair to both the tenant and the owner. When landlords evict, they stand to make millions. Meanwhile, 1,300 families have been displaced by the Liberal government. Owners have closed apartment buildings. The homeless count goes up and everyone pretends they don't know why.

I'm voting for fairness and accountability. We could sure use some of that \$62 million designated to the homeless. I'd like to have my future back.

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