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Att: All Electric Home Discount
TO ALL INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER

I am a retired resident of Columbia Park Manufactured Homes in Olmstead Twp., OH. I am writing because I am 68 years old, living on a fixed income in an all electric home. When I moved here a year ago, I was told there was a cap (discount) on the electricity, a large selling point, I might add. Obviously, when I received my bill in January 2010 and it was over \$299.00, I was in shock. I always keep my temperature level at either 65 or 66 degrees, so I knew I wasn't using that much more electricity to register such a difference in one months time. Especially compared with the November and December bills. Then I learned about the discount being removed. When I moved here, I didn't even know this was an option.

By the time I pay my lot rent, medication (in excess of \$400.00 a month), buy food, co-payments for doctor bills, phone, diabetes supplies, water and sewer bills, etc., there is definitely not enough to be paying \$300.00 a month for electricity. This does not even include such things as snow removal fees, having my tapes checked to make sure my lines do not freeze up in the cold. Living in a manufactured home community has expenses regular home ownership does not include, as well as, those of home ownership. I still have to pay taxes every 6 months, have my heating/AC unit checked and cleaned for optimum performance. Then there is car to be maintained, and the high cost of gas. Fortunately, the car is paid for. My hot water heater went out and another had to be purchased, as well as, my kitchen range died, and another had to be purchased. All this on a fixed income. This Fall, I needed to replace my windows, that cost was over \$4000. There aren't that many companies who do windows for manufactured homes, so estimates were limited and high. I will only get about an \$850 tax credit for that, if I am lucky, according to the company who installed them because of all the extra fees that are not included in the credit allowance. Somehow, there always seems to be a catch. Getting old is definitely not for sissies.

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We need this electric discount in order to maintain ourselves and our homes in a quality manner. It is embarrassing and a personal affront, for seniors to have to practically beg for help to try to maintain their standard of living that they have worked so hard for, just to see it taken away from us in dribbles and drabs. And it will be taken away even faster due to what the poor economy is already doing and now with the possible elimination of the electric discount.

Put yourselves in our place before you do something as drastic as remove the discount. If that is too uncomfortable to think of, put your parents in our place (we could be them, you know) and the fact that you might have to bail them out on a regular basis, being in the same financial situation. Then there are those like me who have no children to bail them out. Will you help us out, too? Prayers keep my finances and home afloat. Be assured that the PUCO has now been added to that list to be led to wise and compassionate decisions.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: Congressman Dennis Kucinich