

Legislative Task Force on Aging

Housing-related Comments to the Online Public Testimony Submission Form

September 20th, 2023 - 55372

Women who have been single mothers for years, or raised their children and didn't work do not have the same social security benefits as men. When they did go get a job they made considerably less money. You have to of had been married to a man for 11 years to obtain part of the man's earnings. Women who divorced because of abuse or alcoholic behavior by the man are discriminated against. Choosing to raise children should be considered. There should be a minimum amount of social security established. I have a friend who receives \$900 a month and still has to work at 73 as a waitress. She's been a waitress her whole life and past wages were horrible. Also affordable housing for elderly isn't affordable if you are single. You can not pay over \$1000 dollars when you make \$1300. It's only affordable if your married-so again single women discriminated against. Also subsidized housing have waiting lists of years, so with the inflation that is happening where do you think the elderly woman are going to live? Housing and affordability of living is a huge problem for the elderly-and children today are not very anxious or adaptable to having the elderly move in with them. Maybe some kind of incentive for multi generational homes! Also please check out the program SW transit has in Chaska, Eden Prairie - all communities need this.

September 23rd, 2023 - 56763

The landlord of Landview& Prairieview apartments at 204 Garfield St. SE, Warroad, MN said no to fixing caved in ceilings, bringing black mold and health problems to tenants if low income, seniors and those mentally challenged and physically disadvantaged people. These tenants have been scared into submission, have no where to go and so scared to say anything incase the are evicted.

I am a friend and have personally gone to the City of Warroad, called the City Attorney, the MN department of health, and Roseau County (who outsources their health to LifeCare) - each of these governments say IT IS OUT OF THEIR HANDS TO GET THESE WONDERFUL CITIZENS HELP. What the heck?! Isn't this the role of our government? To take care of their citizens. This is a TRAVESTY.

October 4th, 2023 - 55442

As cost of living increases, seniors continue to struggle to maintain a middle class standard of living. I guess limited opportunities for tax relief to allow for more income is needed.

Affordable housing for seniors is needed in safe areas and communities. More affordable one level townhomes is needed.

November 11th, 2023 - 56301

Properties that rent to seniors need to recognize that many of their residents have mobility and other issues that require some level of safety. This will require regulatory oversight to make sure that basic safety is met. They aren't renting to 20 year olds. My father was in a independent living facility, where about 80% of the residents used a wheel chair, cane or walker. This was in Sauk Rapids. The management said they would do a same day wellness check if he didn't come to his noon meal. But this was ignored - while I was traveling out of the country, his body laid in his room for 7 days. They ignored others asking them to check on him, his newspapers were piling up outside his room and obviously wasn't at lunch.

December 20th, 2023 - 55792

I would like to move out of the large house that I raised my family in, but my community, Virginia, MN lacks options for active elders that are affordable. In addition, my house needs work in order to sell it for it's real value.