



MICHIGAN MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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Clarence Cook, President
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Dear Clarence, Louise and Gary,

I am in receipt of your letter, received by my office on March 30, 2006, asking for printed information relative to Manufactured Housing Community Residents' rights.

As you well know, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Bureau of Construction Codes, publishes, distributes and requires Manufactured Home Communities and Retailers to distribute, *The Manufactured Home Buyer's and Resident's Handbook*. The Handbook is also available on the states website at www.michigan.gov/bccfs.

The very first page of the Handbook (copy attached) sets forth a "Bill of Rights" listing 16 separate rights of manufactured home purchasers and buyers. The list also provides the statutory or regulatory citations of each such right so that you may review the actual text of the state law or regulation that grants the rights to the residents and buyers.

In addition, and as you note in your letter to me, additional rights have been added to the regulations promulgated by the Bureau under the Manufactured Housing Commission Act, including the rights of manufactured home community residents to post for-sale signs and political signs on their homes within the community.

We have provided you this information many times in the past, but you continually state to the media and others that manufactured home community residents have no rights. That is simply not true, and you know it.

While you may want to expand on some of these rights, as outlined in the Detroit Free Press article forwarded with your letter, it is both inaccurate and unfair to state that such residents have less rights than other tenants of other forms of housing. They actually have more rights!

Sincerely,

Timothy J. DeWitt
Executive Director

Cc: Shabina S. Khatri, Detroit Free Press Staff Writer

The Michigan Manufactured Housing Association is committed to making manufactured housing a naturally considered housing option.