



## **RV Horizons Petition Collection Guide**

**Purpose:** Our petition will allow manufactured homeowners to show our power nationally. Homeowners across the country will be using the same form to collect signatures, and signatures collected using the paper form will be added to the online petition, so we can show our full power and make our voices heard. Collecting signatures also gives you the opportunity to talk to your neighbors about their concerns and build interest and support for working to resolve local issues in your community.

### ***Steps:***

1. Recruit your friends and neighbors to help.
2. Print copies of "[RV Horizons Petition – Hard Copy](#)"
3. Complete the top row of the petition with the name of your community, the state, zip code, etc.
4. Collect signatures
5. Scan, or take a picture, of completed petitions and email to [info@mhaction.org](mailto:info@mhaction.org) so they can be compiled with signatures from other communities.

### ***Collection tips:***

- Bring the petition to an HOA meeting, or another community event or meeting.
- Walk around your community and talk to your neighbors individually.
- Call neighbors, explain what you are doing, and invite them to stop by your home to sign.

**Conversation outline:** The conversation outlined below is intended to serve as a rough guide to help you practice and prepare for conversations you will have with your neighbors at their doors, or at community meetings. If you want to practice the conversation with someone first, send us an email, [info@mhaction.org](mailto:info@mhaction.org).

**Intro:** Introduce yourself if you don't know them, explain what you are doing.

- My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I've lived here in \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- I'm out talking to our neighbors today about the corporate buy up of manufactured home communities.

### **Overview of the Issue:**

- Across the country real estate investors are buying up manufactured home communities, as well as other forms of housing. They are bringing a "profit first" business model that sucks money out of our communities. This looks like rapidly rising lot rent, decreased investment in infrastructure and maintenance, and less willingness to work with individual homeowners to prevent eviction and fines.



- To fix these issues, we need to unite and organize within our communities to hold community owners accountable to existing laws, and work with others across the state and country to push for new protections.
- I'm circulating this petition today to ask State Attorney Generals to look into the business practices of one manufactured home community owner, RV Horizons, Inc. We're asking them to review concerns expressed by manufactured homeowners across the country.
- This petition is one piece of a national effort to hold all community owners accountable to existing laws, and to show elected officials the need for new protections. As real estate investment increases in manufactured home communities and many other forms of housing its driving up housing costs to unbelievable levels. We need to stand together to protect everyone's right to safe, quality, affordable housing

**Connection to your community:**

*If you live in a community owned by RV Horizons*

- This petition is the first step to working to resolve problems in our community. We also need to organize ourselves locally to fix the problems in our community.
- What are you most concerned about right now, what do you think we need to work on?

*If you live in a community owned by another investment company or a "mom-and-pop"*

- Although this petition doesn't address the owner of our community, I think it's important to support homeowners in communities owned by this company and holding any community owner accountable is good for all of us. We know that the owners tend to copy each other's' worst business practices, so we need to work together set a higher standard.
- We also need to be organizing in our community to address problems here, what are you most concerned about right now, what do you think we need to work on?