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2016 MANUFACTURED HOUSING INDUSTRY PRODUCTION TOPS 80,000 HOMES

Washington, D.C., February 6, 2017 – The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) reports that according to official statistics compiled on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), year-over-year manufactured housing industry production increased substantially again during December 2016. Just-released statistics indicate that HUD Code manufacturers produced 6,995 homes in December 2016, a 23.6% increase over the 5,657 HUD Code homes produced during December 2015. Cumulative industry production for 2016 thus totals 81,136 homes, a 15% increase over the 70,544 HUD Code homes produced during 2015. For context, cumulative annual industry production figures since 2008 are as follows:

- 2008 – 81,457 homes
- 2009 – 49,683 homes
- 2010 – 50,056 homes
- 2011 – 51,618 homes
- 2012 – 54,881 homes
- 2013 – 60,228 homes
- 2014 – 64,334 homes
- 2015 – 70,544 homes
- 2016 – 81,136 homes

A further analysis of the official industry statistics shows that the top ten shipment states from the beginning of the industry production rebound in August 2011 through December 2016 -- with cumulative, monthly, current year (2016) and prior year (2015) shipments per category as indicated -- are:

<u>State</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Current Month (Dec. 2016)</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
1. Texas	66,692 homes	872	12,747	13,592
2. Louisiana	26,838 homes	1,900	7,769	4,485
3. Florida	20,858 homes	428	5,453	4,954
4. Alabama	14,665 homes	253	3,612	2,822
5. N.C	14,575 homes	273	3,333	2,977
6. Mississippi	13,500 homes	239	3,183	2,581
7. California	12,973 homes	216	3,120	2,956
8. Kentucky	12,420 homes	175	2,692	2,384
9. Michigan	11,605 homes	358	3,866	2,845
10. Tennessee	10,385 homes	141	2,282	2,114

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The latest information for December 2016 results in no changes to the cumulative top ten list.

While continued growth in manufactured housing production levels since 2010 is encouraging, given the high and growing demand in the United States for affordable housing and home ownership – and given the unprecedented quality and amenities offered by today’s manufactured homes at a price-point that cannot be matched by any other type of housing – annual production levels should rightly be in the hundreds-of-thousands of homes. The industry and its consumers, however, continue to suffer from baseless discrimination and equally baseless, costly and competition-smothering regulatory mandates imposed by government agencies. With the Trump Administration committed to a policy of reducing and/or eliminating needless, job-killing federal regulation, the industry must seek a top-to-bottom reform of the HUD manufactured housing program, to free it from the outdated biases and prejudices of entrenched career regulators and contractors that continue to restrain industry growth, while demanding full and expedited support for manufactured home chattel lending by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and the Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs).

The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform is a Washington, D.C.-based national trade association representing the views and interests of independent producers of federally-regulated manufactured housing.