

Emails as shown from Tim Williams to L. A. "Tony" Kovach and 2 of several messages back and forth. It is part of a fact-check, analysis, and report at the link below.

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/scorched-earth-reply-lesli-gooch-tim-williams-and-manufactured-housing-institute-mhi-claims>

This is part of a message thread started by Tim Williams of the Ohio Manufactured Home Association (OMHA) with the message that is shown below.

On Feb 10, 2020, at 11:57 AM, Tim Williams <TWilliams@omha-usa.org> wrote:

Re: Misleading quote

Tony,

Please see below (in the boxed area) where I cut and pasted your latest reference to me in your online publication regarding my filed comments of November 27, 2019 with HUD on the **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice: [FR-6187-N-01 White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing; Request for Information](#)** .

Indeed, as [Tim Williams](#) from the Ohio Manufactured Home Association said, the premise of the White House Council on Eliminating Barriers to Affordable Housing specifically named [manufactured homes as being discriminated against](#). HUD Secretary Ben Carson has issued video pleas to local officials to not discriminate. But that begs the question. Given that even MHI has admitted in writing that Secretary Carson has the authority to do something about this, then why hasn't MHI continuously pressed Dr. Carson, [Brian Montgomery](#), [Teresa Payne](#) or [others at HUD](#) to actually act on their federal enhanced preemption authority?

You chose to incorrectly paraphrase one sentence from my filed comments of November 27, 2019 with HUD (in blue highlighted above) rather than use my specific comments which were, "**The lengths to which communities go to exclude manufactured housing go beyond just the zoning code and, more often than not, have a discriminatory disparate impact on persons protected under the Fair Housing Act. It is without question they have a negative impact on the availability of affordable housing**". Then in the same paragraph (in the boxed area above) you place your own comments attacking MHI to make it look as if that was part of my sentiment (see red highlights above from your publication). In fact, you interestingly failed to include the following statements in my same filed comments with HUD of November 27, 2019 which was "**For years, the OMHA and our national associations the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) and the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), have been advocating that HUD's existing preemption authority allows broader authority over zoning and land use planning that negatively impacts the availability of affordable housing**".

The tactic of wrapping around your negative comments regarding MHI in reference to a your paraphrased statement of mine (*which did not utilize my specific publicly filed comments regarding HUD Notice : [FR-6187-N-01 White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing; Request for Information](#)*) is disingenuous, misleading and using my professional credibility to falsely imply concerns with MHI, when in fact my same filed comments are just the opposite which acknowledges the advocacy efforts of MHI (as well as MHARR). Clearly paraphrasing my comments out of context and wrapping around your own words in the same paragraph implying as if your negative MHI comments were in any way related to my public comments with HUD is both disappointing and beneath you. The fact of the matter is Lesli Gooch has done a superb job representing the interests of our industry and has successfully advocated on so many issues. It's too bad you don't report any of the many successful advocacy accomplishments of MHI.

I am requesting that you do not make any references to me in the future or use such references out of context to mislead your readers in order to continue your scorched earth campaign against MHI which does NOTHING but hurt our industry.

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date: Feb 10, 2020, 2:31 PM

subject: Tim, follow up Re: Misleading
quote

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/time-sensitive-reading-consumers-nonprofit-advocacy-manufactured-home-professional-comments-on-hud-white-house-rfi-reducing-regulatory-barriers-plus-manufactured-housing-headline-reports-1-19-to/>

Tim,
First, the article above quoted you in toto, there is nothing taken out of context.

Second, it is my understanding that you sent that message to me early today with one or more BCCs. Please confirm or deny that in writing in your emailed reply to this message.

Third, you did not make that earlier statement emailed below off the record. We routinely honor off the record statements, as you and dozens of others in manufactured housing know from first hand experience.

Fourth, unless you can give me a good reason to do otherwise, it is therefore my intention to publish what you wrote along with this reply. We will thereby let the industry at large see what is going on with state association executives, in this case, you.

Fifth, I'm hereby inviting you, your colleague Lesli Gooch, and any other industry personalities who care join in to debate these issues publicly at the Tunica Show. We could arrange for a third party moderator and the mainstream media, some public officials and possibly other concerned parties to attend. If you

want to clear the air on what truly is harmful to the industry, why not do so with a live audience of industry professionals in attendance?

Frankly, the fact that several days have elapsed since we first published that quote and reference to you on MHProNews belies your concern. You are a regular reader. So are several of your members. It is therefore highly unlikely that you only now 'discovered' that I quoted you. Thus, my reasoning and the logic of the evidence is that you were pushed into your message to me earlier today by the powers that be; correct?

Let me know your thoughts. Thanks,

Tony

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from: **Tim Williams** <TWilliams@omha-usa.org>
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date: Feb 10, 2020, 2:43 PM
subject: RE: Tim, follow up Re: Misleading quote

"As I have told you before, no one pushes me to write anything. I make my own decisions and stand 100% behind what I sent you earlier today", **direct quote from Tim Williams.**

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