

MHI Federated States 'News' Fails to Mention Manufactured Housing Shipment Decline

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Federated States Newsletter – June 5, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 26, at 3:00 P.M. ET - MHI's "Monthly Mondays Meet-Up" for State Executives

As part of MHI's ongoing commitment to support our state association executives, we facilitate monthly virtual meetings exclusively for you. MHI's next "Monthly Mondays Meet-Up" will take place June 26 at 3:00 PM Eastern. [Register here.](#)

This Week - MHI on the Hill & HUD Innovative Housing Showcase

This week, over 50 MHI members will be meeting with federal lawmakers as part MHI on the Hill. As a part of their visits to congressional offices, MHI members will discuss manufactured housing's role as a critical source of attainable, high-quality housing. MHI members will ask lawmakers for four things to support manufactured housing:

1. Cosponsor H.R. 3327, the Manufactured Housing Affordability and Energy Efficiency Act.
2. Tell HUD to update FHA's guidelines to improve manufactured home financing options.
3. Ensure federal housing policies encourage capital investment into land-lease communities to build, to update, and to preserve land-lease communities.
4. Support the language in the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act, proposed by Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Tim Scott, to remove the permanent chassis requirement in Section 603(6) of the National Manufactured Housing Construction Safety and Standards Act of 1976.

See the attached handouts MHI members will be sharing with lawmakers during their meetings. MHI members will also be inviting lawmakers and staffers to a reception in the Rayburn Office Building on June 7 to highlight our industry.

Later this week, Cavco and UMH Properties will display a duplex on the National Mall from Friday, June 9, through Sunday, June 11, as part of HUD's Innovative Housing Showcase. The home, which is currently being set up, will be open for policymakers and visitors to tour.

CALL TO ACTION

Ask Your Representative in Congress to Cosponsor H.R. 3327

Building upon the compliance delay of the Energy Rule, we need to have the law fixed to ensure the industry is never again faced with the chaos caused by conflicting regulations coming from two different federal agencies. Congress must hear from all sectors of the manufactured housing industry about the urgent need to change federal statute.

Congressman David Kustoff (R-TN) and Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-AL) have introduced [H.R. 3327](#), the Manufactured Housing Affordability and Energy Efficiency Act of 2023. This bipartisan

legislation clarifies and reaffirms the longstanding role of HUD as the sole regulator of federal manufactured housing construction standards to prevent future issues with conflicting standards originating from different federal agencies.

Join MHI's efforts and tell your Representative to support H.R. 3327. To participate in this Call to Action [click here](#) and follow the simple steps on MHI's website. MHI wrote a letter that you can send by simply inserting your home address and clicking submit.

In addition, for state associations and individual companies we have prepared a template letter for you to send to your Congressional offices. Simply place the text on your letterhead and personalize the language. Please contact MHI if you need an updated contact list of staff contacts for your state delegation.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

MHI Submits Comments to FTC on Resident Screening

Last week, MHI submitted comments to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in response to a Request for Information on Resident Screening Information issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) as part of the White House Blueprint for a Renter's Bill of Rights. In its comments, MHI outlined the unique nature of land-lease communities and the importance of resident screening to protect both current and new residents as well as the community at large. MHI concludes by stating "resident screening is a critical component of the primary goals of land-lease communities to improve housing access, affordability, and resident experience." [Click here](#) to read the letter.

June is National Homeownership Month

June is designated as National Homeownership Month and as such, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) are amplifying their efforts to enable access and remove barriers to homeownership, address the racial wealth gap, and help struggling homeowners keep their homes. [Click here](#) to visit HUD's 2023 National Homeownership Month webpage.

FHFA to Hold Duty to Serve Markets Public Listening Sessions

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced that it will hold a series of listening sessions in July covering various Duty to Serve markets. These listening sessions will address rural housing markets, manufactured housing, and affordable housing preservation. Participants can attend virtually or in-person. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING IN THE NEWS

These news stories and articles about manufactured housing appeared in publications across the country last week.

- [Fayetteville mobile home park owner concerned city will act on ordinance to take property](#), CBS17
- [What lessons have Florida learned from mistakes with past hurricanes](#), Tampa Bay Times
- [Making public tornado shelters more accessible](#), Spectrum News
- [Why Ithaca is installing heat pumps in mobile homes](#), Fast Company
- [With rents rising, mobile home residents have 'nowhere to go'](#), Richmond Times Dispatch
- [Project to makeover Westside Mobile Home Park advances](#), The Gazette-Virginian

MEMBER RESOURCES

MHI Research: Included Amenities One of Many Benefits of Land-Lease Communities

MHI continues to release insights and findings from our recent consumer survey. MHI's second set of findings focuses on the experiences and opinions of current land-lease community residents. Among survey respondents, residents of land-lease communities report that a range of utilities are often included as part of their monthly rent. Water and sewer (58%) and garbage collection (46%) are two of the primary utilities residents report being included with their rent. [Click here](#) to see the full infographic highlighting key findings from the research.

WOTUS Overview and Timeline

At the end of May, the Supreme Court handed down a unanimous verdict in the case of Sackett v. EPA, effectively curtailing the EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act to regulate "waters of the United States" (WOTUS). MHI, along with many housing and business industry groups, has consistently expressed concerns about the definition of WOTUS and long called for a rule that ends the uncertainty about where federal jurisdiction begins and ends. Previous revised definitions created uncertainty for landowners and developers about whether waters (such as ponds and ditches) on their property require them to go through the federal permitting process under the Clean Water Act. MHI has shared a new PowerPoint deck outlining the issues surrounding WOTUS and the Supreme Court's decision. [Click here](#) to download the deck.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Add Your Meetings & Events to MHI's Online Calendar

Do you have an upcoming meeting or event that you want the industry to know about? If so, MHI's online calendar is a great opportunity to share that information. [Click here](#) to view the calendar and send the details of any upcoming events to Anne Ladewig, MHI's Vice President, Marketing & Membership, at aladewig@mfgohome.org.

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