

## Context: An Objective Look at MHI Advocacy on Pending DOE Manufactured Housing Energy Rule

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This Q&A dated 2.16.2024 occurred with AI powered Copilot. It is an entirely new question and a distinct and separate from the thread in the article linked above that this download is attached to at his link [here](#).

>> "Two dozen U.S. Congressional Representatives Rep Norman and Manufactured Housing Institute back move to stop DOE energy rule for manufactured housing."



**U.S. Representative Ralph Norman**, who serves South Carolina's 5th congressional district, has joined forces with the **Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI)** to oppose the **Department of Energy (DOE)** energy rule for manufactured housing<sup>12</sup>. This rule, adopted in May 2022, aims to enhance energy efficiency standards for manufactured homes, including both single-section and multi-section mobile homes<sup>3</sup>. Here are the key points:

1. **Energy Efficiency Standards:** The new rule requires all **newly manufactured homes** to meet specific standards related to size and climate-dependent energy conservation measures. [These standards are based on the insulation and sealing requirements outlined in the International Energy Conservation Code \(IECC 2021\)](#)<sup>3</sup>.
2. **Utility Bill Savings:** Once implemented, these efficiency standards are expected to result in significant savings for homeowners. [Individuals living in single-section homes can anticipate saving an average of \\$177 per year, while those in multi-section homes may save up to \\$475 per year on their utility bills](#)<sup>3</sup>.
3. **Carbon Emission Reduction:** Beyond financial benefits, the rule will also contribute to environmental goals. [It is estimated that the cumulative reduction in carbon and methane emissions over the next 30 years will be equivalent to the annual emissions of 11.7 million homes](#)<sup>3</sup>.
4. **Compliance Date:** Manufacturers of new homes must adhere to these standards starting approximately **one year after the rule's publication in the Federal Register**, which is expected to occur around late May 2023<sup>3</sup>.

By supporting this move, Rep. [Norman](#) and the MHI aim to strike a balance between energy efficiency, cost savings, upfront affordability, and housing supply challenges<sup>3</sup>. The energy rule represents a step toward cleaner air, more comfortable living environments, and reduced utility costs for millions of Americans residing in manufactured homes<sup>3</sup>. 🏠💡🌿

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The relevance of this Q&A with Copilot is as follows. Absent context, Copilot tends to take accept MHI's claims at face value. However, note that in the above, MHARR's position is linked in #4.

To begin to question MHI's claims, Copilot has to be provided with evidence that presses questions and examples of concerns found in the article linked above and below.

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