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MHARR vs. MHI: Advocacy Gaps and Regulatory Capture in Manufactured Housing

The manufactured housing industry, often referred to as "MHVille," is a critical component of addressing America's affordable housing crisis. HUD Code manufactured homes are recognized as the most affordable form of permanent single-family housing in the U.S., yet the industry has faced persistent underperformance in the 21st century. Two key trade organizations, the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) and the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI), represent different segments of the industry, but their approaches to advocacy and transparency differ significantly, raising questions about their effectiveness and priorities. Recent reports from *Manufactured Home Pro News* (MHProNews) highlight these disparities, focusing on pending legislation and the appointment of Teresa Payne as MHI's Vice President of Policy, which may signal regulatory capture. This article examines these issues, verifies claims with external sources, and explores the broader implications for the manufactured housing industry.

MHARR's Concerns Over Pending Legislation

On April 14, 2025, MHARR released a Washington Update detailing concerns about H.R. 8373, the "Manufactured Housing Affordability and Energy Efficiency Act of 2024," supported by MHI. MHARR argues that this bill, while ostensibly aimed at improving affordability and energy efficiency, contains provisions that could harm the industry. Specifically, MHARR criticizes the bill's alignment with Department of Energy (DOE) energy standards, which they claim would increase costs for manufactured homes, making them less affordable for low- and moderate-income buyers. MHARR's President and CEO, Mark Weiss, J.D., asserts that these standards are based on a flawed process and could price millions out of homeownership.

MHARR's position is grounded in their long-standing opposition to the DOE's energy rule, which they argue MHI has covertly supported for years. According to MHARR, MHI's backing of H.R. 8373 contradicts its public stance on affordability, as the bill would codify energy standards that raise production costs without clear consumer benefits. MHARR cites their own efforts to block these standards, including a letter to the DOE referenced in the agency's decision to pause the rule. This aligns with a 2022 MHProNews report, which noted that MHARR's advocacy and supporting documents from MHProNews influenced the DOE's reconsideration of the energy rule.

External verification of MHARR's claims is limited due to the niche nature of the topic, but a 2022 *GovTrack* analysis supports MHARR's skepticism, giving a similar MHI-backed bill

(H.R. 7651) a near-zero chance of passage due to legislative hurdles. This suggests that MHI's advocacy may prioritize optics over substance, as MHARR alleges. No contradictory evidence was found to refute MHARR's claim that the DOE standards would increase costs, but the lack of mainstream media coverage on this issue makes it difficult to fully corroborate.

MHI's Advocacy: Posturing or Progress?

MHI, which claims to represent all segments of the manufactured housing industry, including producers, retailers, communities, and lenders, has been criticized by MHARR and MHPProNews for its lack of transparency and effectiveness. The MHPProNews article cites MHI's website, which promotes "Elevating Housing Innovation; Expanding Attainable Homeownership," yet fails to mention key legislative priorities like the enforcement of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA) and its "enhanced preemption" provision. This provision, designed to override local zoning barriers that restrict manufactured home placements, is a cornerstone of MHARR's advocacy but is conspicuously absent from MHI's public messaging.

MHARR argues that MHI's silence on enhanced preemption and its support for bills like H.R. 8373 suggest a strategy of "paltering" — presenting partial truths to create a misleading impression of advocacy. For example, MHI's former chairman, William Boor, testified before Congress in 2024 that MHI supports enhanced preemption, yet MHPProNews notes that this stance is not reflected on MHI's website. This discrepancy raises questions about MHI's priorities, with MHARR alleging that MHI's actions facilitate industry consolidation by larger members at the expense of smaller, independent producers.

To verify these claims, I examined MHI's website (<https://www.manufacturedhousing.org>), which indeed lacks references to enhanced preemption in its public-facing content as of May 2025. A 2024 *EIN Presswire* report corroborates MHARR's critique, noting that MHI's advocacy often aligns with the interests of its larger members, such as Clayton Homes and Cavco Industries, which benefit from industry consolidation. No direct evidence contradicts MHARR's claim of MHI's inaction on enhanced preemption, though MHI's broader membership base may necessitate a more consensus-driven approach, potentially diluting its focus on specific issues.

Teresa Payne and Regulatory Capture

The second MHPProNews article focuses on MHI's appointment of Teresa Payne as Vice President of Policy, a move revealed through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by MHARR. Payne, a former HUD official who served as Acting Administrator of the Office of

Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP), joined MHI in a role that raises concerns about regulatory capture — the phenomenon where industry influences regulators to prioritize corporate interests over public good. MHARR argues that Payne’s transition from HUD to MHI, an organization representing major industry players, could undermine HUD’s impartiality in regulating manufactured housing.

MHARR’s FOIA request uncovered that Payne’s departure from HUD coincided with her appointment at MHI, suggesting a “revolving door” between government and industry. This is particularly concerning given Payne’s role in overseeing HUD’s manufactured housing programs, which include enforcing the MHIA and addressing zoning barriers. MHARR contends that Payne’s move to MHI could signal a continuation of HUD’s failure to fully implement enhanced preemption, a point echoed in a 2024 *Patch* article that highlights HUD’s inconsistent enforcement of existing laws.

External sources provide some context for these claims. A 2023 *Niskanen Center* report to the U.S. House Financial Services Committee emphasized manufactured housing’s potential to address affordability but noted regulatory barriers, including zoning restrictions, that HUD has not adequately addressed. While no direct evidence confirms Payne’s involvement in blocking enhanced preemption, her transition to MHI aligns with MHARR’s narrative of regulatory capture. No contradictory evidence was found to refute MHARR’s concerns, though the complexity of HUD’s regulatory processes makes it challenging to attribute delays solely to Payne.

Industry Underperformance and Consolidation

Both MHARR and MHPProNews argue that the manufactured housing industry’s underperformance — producing only 89,169 homes in 2023 compared to 945,000 single-family housing starts, per a 2024 *National Association of Home Builders* report — is linked to MHI’s failure to advocate effectively for independent producers and consumers. MHARR points to the MHIA’s enhanced preemption as a solution to zoning barriers, which could unlock significant market growth. In contrast, MHI’s focus on initiatives like the CrossMod® homes, which MHPProNews calls a “Trojan Horse” due to their higher costs and limited production data, appears to prioritize niche markets over broad affordability.

A 2024 *EIN Presswire* article supports this view, noting that MHI’s leading members, including Clayton Homes and Cavco Industries, have not disclosed production totals for CrossMod® homes, suggesting limited success. MHARR and the Modular Home Builders Association have criticized this initiative, arguing that it diverts resources from mainstream HUD Code homes. Antitrust allegations against MHI members, reported in a 2024 MHPProNews article, further suggest that consolidation by larger firms may be stifling

competition, a claim supported by legal researcher Samuel Strommen's thesis on industry monopolization.

No contradictory evidence refutes the claim of industry underperformance, as HUD data confirms a 21% production decline from 2022 to 2023. However, MHI's broader membership may face challenges in aligning diverse interests, potentially explaining its less aggressive stance compared to MHARR, which focuses solely on independent manufacturers.

Advocacy Gaps and the Path Forward

The contrast between MHARR and MHI is stark. MHARR's transparent, aggressive advocacy for regulatory reform and enhanced preemption aligns with the interests of independent producers and consumers seeking affordable housing. MHI's broader representation, while inclusive, appears to dilute its focus, with critics alleging it prioritizes the consolidation interests of larger members. The appointment of Teresa Payne and the support for H.R. 8373 underscore these concerns, suggesting a need for greater scrutiny of MHI's actions.

To address these issues, MHARR proposes a new post-production trade group to represent retailers, communities, and other non-manufacturing segments, a suggestion supported by a 2023 MHPProNews report. Such a group could complement MHARR's efforts and provide a counterbalance to MHI's influence. Consumers, investors, and policymakers should demand transparency from MHI and push for the enforcement of existing laws like the MHIA to unlock manufactured housing's potential.

Conclusion

The manufactured housing industry stands at a crossroads. With HUD Code homes offering unmatched affordability, the failure to address regulatory and zoning barriers is a missed opportunity. MHARR's focused advocacy contrasts with MHI's broader but less transparent approach, raising questions about regulatory capture and industry consolidation. As HUD Secretary Scott Turner emphasizes affordable housing, the industry must align with this vision through robust, transparent advocacy. The evidence suggests MHARR is leading this charge, while MHI's actions warrant closer examination.

For more details, see MHARR's Washington Update (<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/manufactured-housing-association-for-regulatory-reform-mharr-april-14-2025-washington-update-an-exclusive-report-and-analysis/>) and MHPProNews's analyses (<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/mharr-addresses-growing-concerns-regarding-pending-legislation-supported-by-ykw-copilot-on-gemini-and-xais-grok-gaps-in-advocacy-between-mharr-mhi-exclusive-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis/>),

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