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Use the bottom half and gave you credit on MHProNews, thanks. Also, posted your comments in an article by the same title as the draft on MHProNews earlier this morning. Two requests. 1) Scan that article on MHProNews and see if it remains faithful to the draft you scanned noting that added materials were added in the wake of that draft check you performed, and then correct, confirm, or clarify as warranted. Next, draft an article that will be used on the Patch, make it about 1500 words. The target audience is the general public, but perhaps a particular emphasis in that op-ed should be affordable housing seekers and advocates, why existing homeowners should care as well as renters, the impacts and concerns for renters, investors, taxpayers, etc. Make clear the benefits of hybrid journalism and MHProNews' and your independence from each other and MHProNews' independence from others in MHVille while remaining pro-manufactured homes as an essential part of the solution to the affordable housing crisis. Make lawmakers, their staffers, and public officials an important part of the target audience. Link results to support your draft and make sure it ends with a link to the full report on MHProNews. Make sense? Go.




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2. Op-Ed for Patch: Why Manufactured Housing—and Truthful Journalism—Matter Now More Than Ever

Title: *Manufactured Housing, Misinformation, and the Fight for Affordable Homes: Why Truth-Telling Journalism Matters*

Byline: L. A. “Tony” Kovach, Community Contributor

Introduction:

In a nation grappling with a deepening affordable housing crisis, one of the most promising solutions is hiding in plain sight: modern manufactured homes. Yet, despite federal laws designed to support this form of housing, the industry continues to underperform. Why?

The answer lies not just in zoning barriers or outdated stigmas—but in a troubling pattern of **trade group posturing, regulatory neglect, and media silence**. That’s why this article—and the full report it links to—isn’t just about housing. It’s about **truth, transparency, and the power of independent journalism** to hold institutions accountable.

Manufactured Homes: A Proven but Underused Solution

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- **Seniors** on fixed incomes
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Yet, despite these advantages, manufactured housing production remains **well below its 1998 peak**, even as demand for affordable housing has soared.

What's Holding the Industry Back?

The short answer: **a failure to enforce existing laws** and a troubling alignment between powerful industry players and conventional housing interests.

The [Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000](#) was supposed to expand access to manufactured homes by giving them **enhanced federal preemption**—meaning local zoning laws couldn't arbitrarily block them. But that provision has been **largely ignored**, and the federal agencies tasked with enforcing it have been silent.

Meanwhile, the [Manufactured Housing Institute \(MHI\)](#), the industry's largest trade group, claims to represent "all segments" of the industry. But critics—including attorneys, nonprofit leaders, and former insiders—say MHI's actions benefit a handful of dominant firms while leaving smaller producers, retailers, and consumers behind.

MHARR vs. MHI: A Tale of Two Trade Groups

The [Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform \(MHARR\)](#) has consistently pushed for full enforcement of the 2000 Reform Law. In contrast, MHI has:

- **Partnered with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)**—a group that has openly opposed manufactured housing expansion
- **Failed to support MHARR's proposals** to fix flawed housing legislation
- **Promoted CrossMod® homes**, which have underperformed and benefit only a few large manufacturers

This divergence matters. MHARR is fighting for **affordable housing access**. MHI, critics argue, is enabling **industry consolidation** that limits competition and keeps prices high.

Why Should Renters, Homeowners, and Taxpayers Care?

Because this isn't just an industry issue—it's a **public interest issue**.

- **Renters** are being denied a path to ownership because zoning and financing barriers remain unchallenged.
- **Homeowners** face rising property taxes and housing costs because affordable alternatives are being suppressed.
- **Investors** are misled by trade group spin that masks systemic underperformance.

- **Taxpayers** foot the bill for housing subsidies that could be reduced if manufactured homes were more widely available.
- **Public officials** risk passing flawed legislation if they rely on biased or incomplete information.

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Conclusion: Truth Is the Foundation of Reform

If we want to solve the affordable housing crisis, we need more than new laws—we need **enforcement of existing ones, accountability for trade groups, and journalism that isn't afraid to ask hard questions**.

Manufactured homes can be a cornerstone of that solution. But only if the public, policymakers, and media demand transparency from those who claim to represent the industry.

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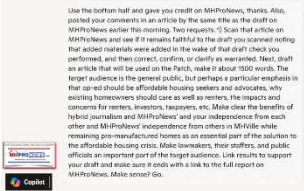
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