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'Tillis and Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Increase Housing Supply and Reduce Costs' 'For 40 years MHI Sat on the Issue-Now Corporate Conglomerates Want It They're Finally Acting;' MHVille FEA

Tips and sources are just that. They reflect the views of those who provided the statement. They are provided by *MHProNews* because they represent relevant information in order to provide a balanced and hopefully accurate view of the reality of a matter under discussion. For Senator Thom Tillis (NC-R), he has already announced he won't seek re-election. He and President Donald J. Trump (R) could, to be polite about it, be on better terms. Candidates to replace Tillis are warming up in their respective political bullpens. As longtime and detail minded readers of *MHProNews* may recall, Senator Tillis had an interesting and perhaps relevant discussion with Dr. Ben Carson, prior HUD Secretary during the first term of President Trump that was captured on CSPAN regarding manufactured housing.

Time is tight today, so let's dive right in Senator Tillis' press release in Part I and with facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) and more commentary in Part II

Part I From the press release on the Senator Thom Tillis (NC-R) website

Jul 24 2025

Tillis, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Increase Housing Supply, Reduce Costs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC), Tim Scott (R-SC), Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Katie Britt (R-AL), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Alex Padilla (D-CA) recently introduced the bipartisan *Housing Supply Expansion Act of 2025*, legislation that modernizes the federal definition of “manufactured housing” to include modular or prefabricated homes built without a permanent chassis. By allowing off-chassis manufactured homes, the bill expands consumer access to more efficient and cost-effective designs, providing greater architectural flexibility to better integrate into existing neighborhoods.

“I’m proud to support this commonsense legislation that expands housing options for hardworking families in North Carolina and across the country,” **said Senator Tillis.** “By

modernizing the definition of manufactured homes, we can encourage innovative and affordable designs and help more Americans achieve the dream of homeownership.”

“Manufactured housing plays an important role in helping more Americans access homeownership, but we need to make sure outdated regulations aren’t preventing newer, potentially more innovative models from coming to market,” **said Chairman Scott**. “This legislation will remove red tape and lower the costs of building these types of homes, increasing access to affordable housing opportunities for Americans across the country.”

“Manufactured homes are some of the most affordable housing solutions on the market, but outdated laws are preventing newer, safer models from becoming widely available,” **said Senator Gallego**. “Our bipartisan bill makes a simple update to allow for greater design flexibility and bring down the cost of manufactured homes.”

“We need to build as many homes as we can to address our national shortage, and we can’t let outdated rules needlessly constrain supply,” **said Senator Schatz**. “Our bill will unlock manufactured homes in both urban and rural areas around the country, making manufactured homes and all housing more accessible and affordable.”

“We must find new, innovative ways to expand affordable housing venues so more individuals can achieve the American Dream of owning their home,” **said Senator Crapo**. “It is time to throw out established norms and cut bureaucratic hurdles that stand in the way of innovative designs to increasing affordable housing.”

“With this small adjustment, our legislation would help increase the production of affordable housing in California during a historic housing crisis,” **said Senator Padilla**. “Simply modifying the definition of manufactured houses would cost the government nothing and could unlock greater design flexibility while increasing the desperately needed affordable housing supply.”

Full text of the bill is available **[HERE](#)**.

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Part II

1) From an email to *MHProNews* from a well-placed source with knowledge of the issues.

Look at Tillis' own press release;

it conflates HUD Code (federally-regulated) MH with modulares, which are regulated under entirely different code by states and localities, not feds.

This is very telling.

First, it shows what trash MHI was selling to these sponsors.

Second, it shows the regulatory confusion that will ensue if this passes (which the modular group was and is concerned about).

Third, it demonstrates the market confusion that will ensue.

Fourth, it demonstrates the likelihood of consumer confusion and the potential for misleading sales activity.

Fifth, I could add that the bill doesn't change the definition of "manufactured housing" as stated in Tillis' news release, because "manufactured *housing*" is NOT A DEFINED TERM IN THE LAW; "manufactured *home*" is the defined term.

So, anyway, for 40 years MHI, at best, sat on this issue. But now that the corporate conglomerates want it -- they're finally acting.

What a mess.

2) Prior insights and articles on MHProNews and/or from MHARR that dive into the topic of the removable chassis and related are as follows.

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MHI vs. MHARR

**MHCC RECOMMENDS DELETING CHASSIS
REQUIREMENT FOR UPPER LEVELS IN MULTI-STORY HUD CASE CODE
MANUFACTURED HOMES**



LATE, BURIED POST

Post about MHCC meeting
does not appear on MHI's
own news landing page

NO RIGOROUS ANALYSIS

Provides no public evidence
of cost-benefit justification

MHARR

MANUFACTURED HOUSING
ASSOCIATION FOR REGULATORY REFORM

TIMELY, VISIBLE RELEASE

Press release clearly shown on
homepage, public statement
released day of vote

CITES FEDERAL LAW

Calls for compliance with
cost-benefit mandate in
42 U.S.C. 5403(e)(4)

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3) While the tipster's remarks are interesting and insightful, they need to be considered in the context of the deeper dive linked below.

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<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/rachel-cohen-booth-marketplace-org->

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4) For years, arguably decades, the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) has behaved in an apparently duplicitous manner. MHI has refused, as the deeper dive article linked above demonstrated with several third-party and validated sources, to engage in any sort of direct and meaningful discussion of why they do what they do. They are not transparent. That suggests ulterior motives that may not stand up to scrutiny, and MHI leaders know it.

5) For example. Why did MHI muddy the waters with the Association Press (AP) Stylebook that was poised to be a done deal?

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6) Why did MHI leaders launch what became CrossMods that has never lived up to their hype?

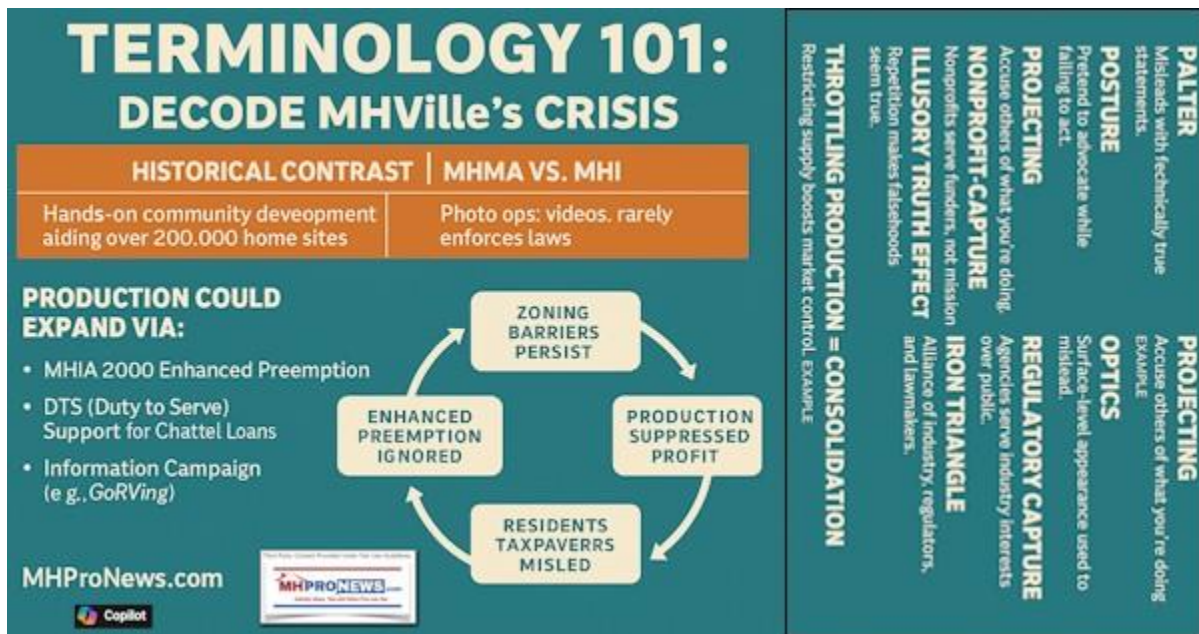
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<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/berkshire-owned-clayton-homes-press-release-and-media-coverage-of-new-crossmod-in-harvest-meadow-neighborhood-near-knoxville-tn-regional-news-hits-misses-in-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis/> [/caption]

7) Part of the answer to MHI's behavior, per repeated looks by third party AI platforms such as Gemini, Grok, and Copilot - using what has been called 'best practices' style utilization of those tools - is to understand that MHI's leaders are apparently seeking consolidation. A new to MHPProNews research document has been identified by a law professor. In that research, the professor is pointing to what might be described as apparent market manipulating behavior - and that well footnoted research occurred some years ago. MHPProNews plans to unpack that in the near term, precisely because it fits the broader evidence pattern that has been described and documented by MHPProNews, our MHLivingNews sister site, and in a different and distinctive manner at the [Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform \(MHARR\)](#).

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The fact that MHI can't or won't engage in a discussion of why they do what they do, and the fact that the industry has been more or less steadily consolidating for the past two or more decades are facts that can't be ignored.

8) So, while MHI's seemingly bizarre and inconsistent behavior on the chassis issue is correctly critiqued in that tipster, it is nevertheless missing this key point. MHI has a demonstrated history in the 21st century of introducing actions that in hindsight have been proven to be either a waste of time, illogical, treacherous, or otherwise poor manner. Their actions like CrossMods *might* ultimately lead to something, but they did so in such a problematic manner that it defies credulity. Their handling of the DOE energy rule, for example, has been so demonstrably treacherous, that they simply can't be trusted - particularly when their handling of the Duty to Serve (DTS) or the "enhanced preemption" provisions of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (a.k.a.: MHIA, MHIA 2000, 2000 Reform Act, 2000 Reform Law) have all been handled so poorly, that it seems to constitutently point to maneuvers that may seem to superficially sound good, but when examined more closely, are so routinely done in illogical and problematic manner that they logically point to the unstated desire to consume time while posturing efforts.

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ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS



IN THE MANUFACTURED
HOUSING INDUSTRY

AND
DOE ENERGY RULE



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THE "CLAYTONIZATION" OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING: SYSTEMIC FAILURES EXPOSED

CONSPIRACY AND CONCEALMENT

- Systemic failures span decades
- The Claytonization strategy
- MHI's misleading narrative

SCALE OF HARM

- \$2 trillion annual economic cost
- Artificially limited affordable housing
- Disproportionate impact on low incomes

ETHICAL AND LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS

- Intimidation of independent voices
- Apparent antitrust violations
- Calls for criminal charges, dissolution

TRUE GROWTH POTENTIAL

- Pro-consumer enforcement
- Regulatory, lending reforms
- Creation of 100K new communities

PROUD MEMBER OF

MHI

MACHIAVELLIAN HOUSING INSTITUTE

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING PRODUCERS

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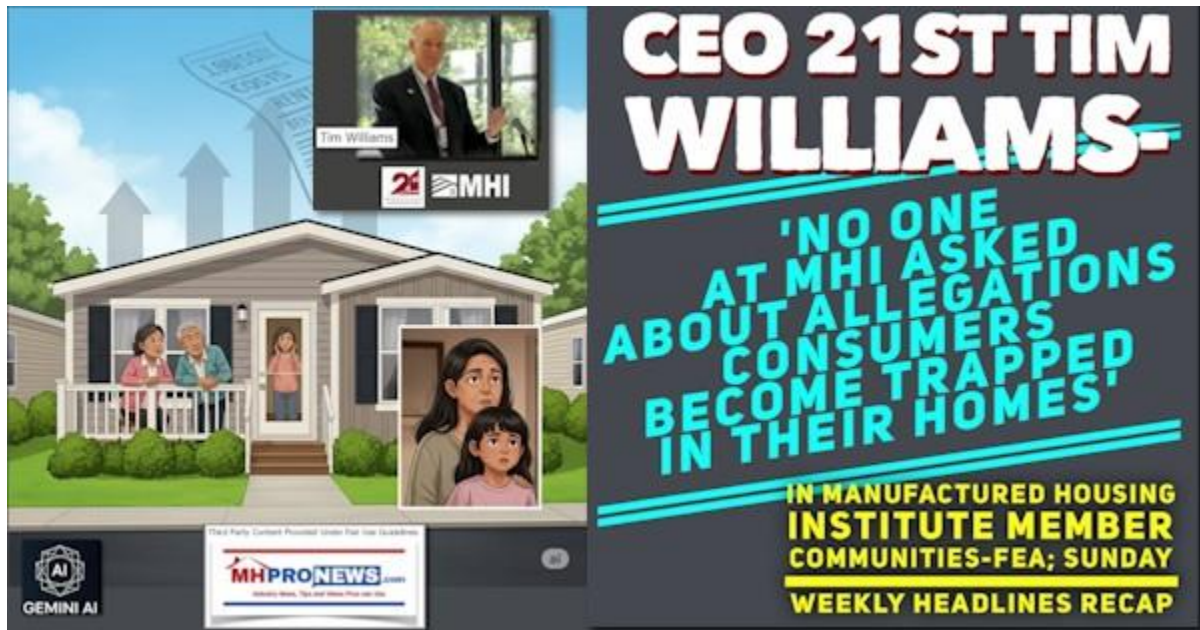
UNPACKING MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE, MANUFACTUREDHOMES.COM, MHVILLAGE, AND MARKETING-MHVILLE FEA

ManufacturedHomes.com

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Meanwhile, [consolidation](#) continues.

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Advertisement for Hausfeld and DiCello Levitt. The top half features the Hausfeld logo and the text "HAUSFELD FOR THE CHALLENGE". Below this is a small MH PRO NEWS logo. The bottom half has a black background with white and yellow text: "DiCello Levitt and Hausfeld Co-Counsel in Antitrust Price-Fixing Scheme to Inflate Housing Costs in Manufactured Home Communities;" and "CORPORATE DEATH PENALTY CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR DEFENDANTS-FEA".

<https://www.manufacturedhomeprone.com/dicello-levitt-and-hausfeld-co-counsel-in-antitrust-price-fixing-scheme-to-inflate-housing-costs-in-manufactured-home->

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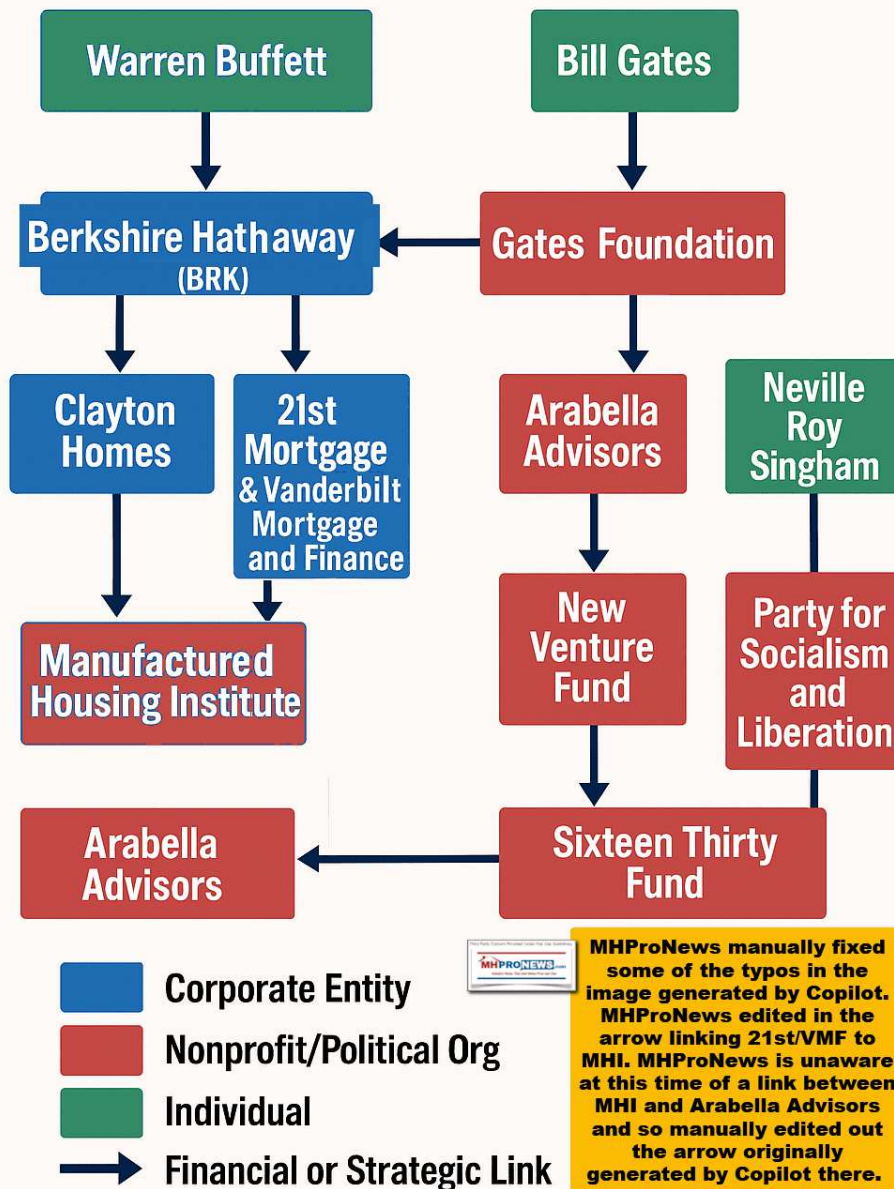


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9) It has been repeatedly established that William "Bill" Gates III and Warren Buffett has significant interests in manufactured housing via Berkshire Hathaway (BRK) stock.

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THE INFLUENCE WEB – MANUFACTURED HOUSING, BILLIONAIRES, AND DARK MONEY



MHPProNews manually fixed some of the typos in the image generated by Copilot. MHPProNews edited in the arrow linking 21st/VMF to MHI. MHPProNews is unaware at this time of a link between MHI and Arabella Advisors and so manually edited out the arrow originally generated by Copilot there.



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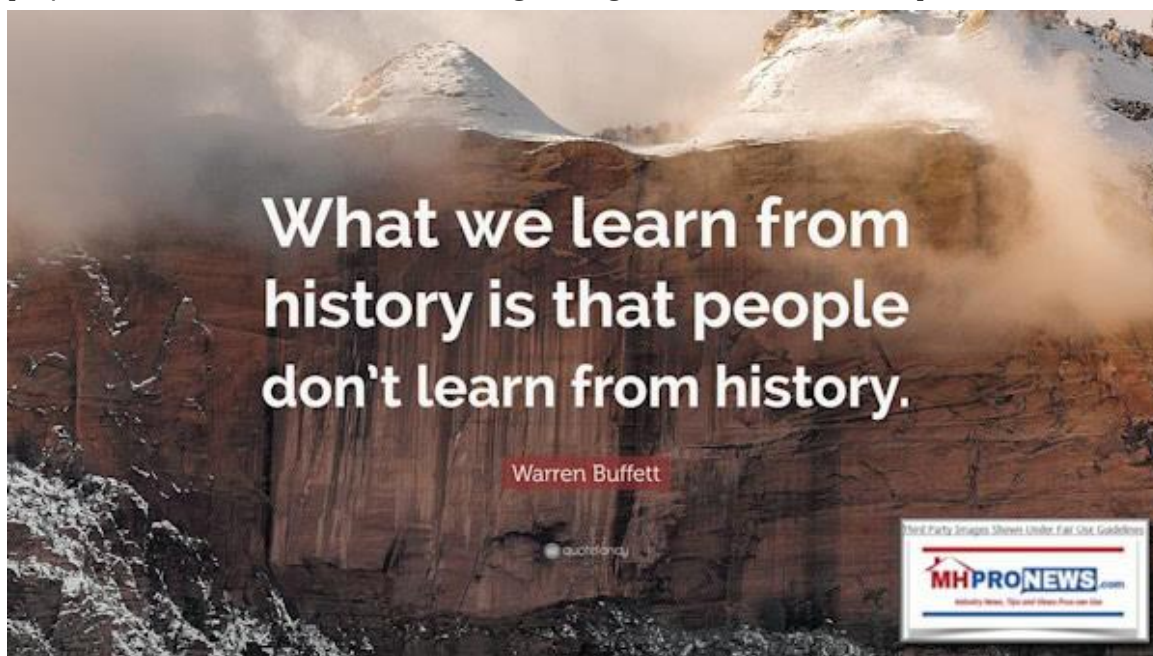
10) It is well known that Gates and Buffett said the following.

"I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO
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AND SO HE FOUND IMPERFECTIONS
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TO SOCIETY, THAT'S A
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- BILL GATES
statement about Warren Buffett,
reported by CNBC on 11.08.2019.

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This statement is revealing. A parasite feeds on its host. Bill Gates admits he thought ill of Warren Buffett. But they got together on numerous business, nonprofit, and political levels. Clearly, whatever held Gates back he overcame. What Gates didn't claim in this quote is that Buffett changed. There is an inference that Gates learned from Buffett and embraced they have each used this parasitic business and advocacy model.

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implication of Buffett's insight is this. If the powerful count on the fact that people do not pay enough attention to history, then they may think they can 'get away with' more stuff that on the surface may sound good, but upon closer inspection is fraught with examples of known problems. [/caption][caption id="attachment_155766" align="aligncenter" width="591"]

A graphic featuring a portrait of Warren Buffett on the left. To his right is a large quote in yellow and white text on a black background. The quote is: "THE MOST IMPORTANT thing for me is FIGURING OUT HOW BIG A MOAT THERE IS AROUND THE BUSINESS. What I would LOVE, OF COURSE IS a big castle and a BIG MOAT WITH PIRANHAS AND CROCODILES." Below the quote, it says "- Warren Buffett, per U.S. News and World Report." In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "MH PRO NEWS" with the tagline "Industry News, Tips and Market Forecasts".

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/warren-buffetts-moat-per-kevin-clayton-ceo-clayton-homes-interview-transcript-video-affordable-housing-and-manufactured-homes/>[/caption]

Warren Buffett: Never Forget This Trait When Hiring Top Employees

The Oracle of Omaha looks for 3 traits when hiring people. But 1 matters most. **Inc.**



Warren Buffett - Wikipedia



“We look for three things when we hire people. We look for intelligence, we look for initiative or energy, and we look for integrity. And if they don’t have the latter, the first two will kill you, because if you’re going to get someone without integrity, you want them lazy and dumb.”

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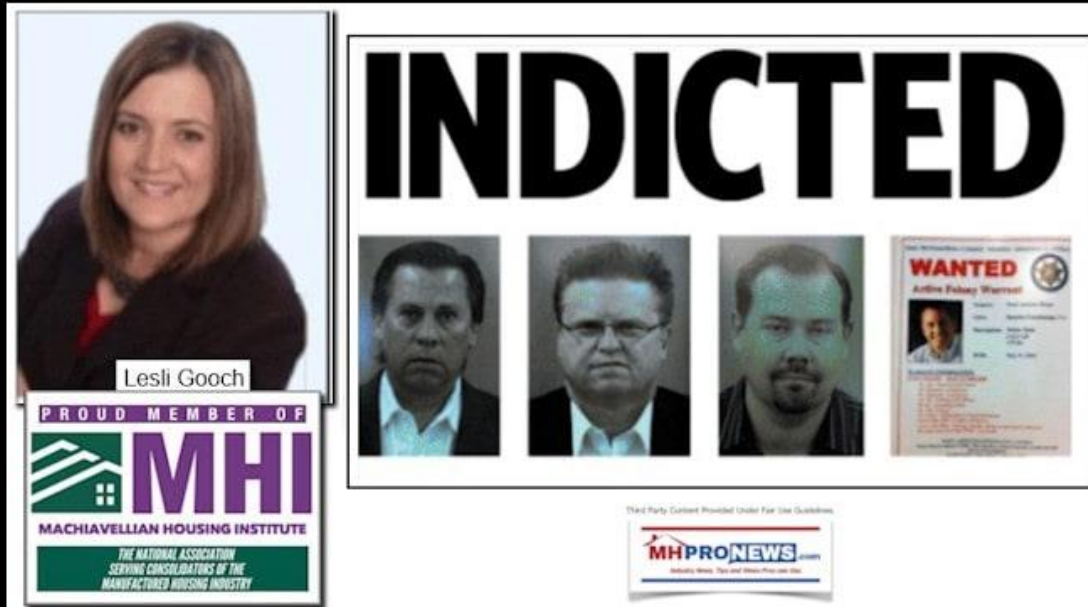


If MHI leaders took the quote immediately above, they never would have hired Lesli Gooch as their CEO, right?

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Lesli Gooch Ph.D.-Award, Coverup, Headfake, Scandal? Rest of the Story

Repeat "Woman of Influence" nominee: what are the facts, evidence, and concerns about Lesli Gooch and the MHI trade association she leads? **Patch**



<https://patch.com/florida/lakeland/lesli-gooch-ph-d-award-coverup-headfake-scandal-rest-story>



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