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MHARR Raised Key MH Industry Issues in Meeting with Senior HUD Officials; Meanwhile Manufactured Housing Institute Push Flawed 'ROAD to Housing' -'Policy Failure or Trojan Horse?' MHVille FEA

While the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) press release is provided in Part I, much of the facts-evidence-<u>analysis</u> (FEA) with its related documented evidence supporting elements of the headline will come from a planned <u>Masthead</u>. That said, third-party artificial intelligence (AI) has been used to systematically consider the *ROAD to Housing* bill that has recently been voted out of the Senate Housing and Banking committee with strong bipartisan (unanimous) support. More on that in Part II but note for now that the source for the headline paraphrased quote: "ROAD to Housing Bill: Policy Failure or Trojan Horse?" and much more will be found there.

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Short

version of headline tip? Don't buy the hype unless and until legislation is fixed as MHARR and others have suggested, and until EXISTING federal laws meant to address the housing crisis gets fully and properly implemented. See

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Let's dive right in.

Part I

MHARR Raises Key MH Industry Issues in Meeting With Senior HUD Officials

JULY 28, 2025

TO: MHARR MANUFACTURERS

MHARR STATE AFFILIATES

MHARR TECHNICAL REVIEW GROUP (TRG)

FROM: MHARR

RE: MHARR RAISES KEY MH INDUSTRY ISSUES

IN MEETING WITH SENIOR HUD OFFICIALS

Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) President and CEO, Mark Weiss, and MHARR Senior Advisor Danny D. Ghorbani, met on July 24, 2025, with a delegation of senior HUD officials, led by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner, Frank Cassidy.

MHARR sought this meeting as a follow-up to its March 2025 meeting with HUD Secretary Scott Turner and recent changes in the leadership of HUD's Office of Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP), in order to continue the process of addressing – and aggressively pursuing — the remediation, resolution and elimination of the <u>principal policy bottlenecks</u> that have resulted in stagnant industry production levels for the past decade and have needlessly suppressed the production and utilization of inherently affordable <u>mainstream</u> manufactured housing. These main bottlenecks, as previously and extensively analyzed by MHARR, include (1) discriminatory and exclusionary zoning mandates; (2) lack of federal support for manufactured home consumer financing by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pursuant to the Duty to Serve (DTS) directive; and (3) impending draconian federal manufactured housing "energy conservation" standards.

Specifically, with respect to these issues, MHARR urged Commissioner Cassidy and the HUD team to utilize statutory authority that the agency already has under the enhanced federal preemption of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (2000 Reform Law), to more aggressively target and remediate instances of discriminatory zoning that excludes affordable mainstream manufactured homes from far too many areas of the country and simultaneously (and baselessly) undermines the availability of affordable homeownership (via manufactured housing) for millions of Americans.

MHARR pointed out that current HUD preemption guidance from 1997 <u>predates the substantive preemption enhancements of the 2000 Reform Law</u> and <u>must</u> be updated to <u>accurately reflect the current state of the law</u>. That update, in turn, <u>must</u> reflect a rejection of the targeted zoning exclusion of HUD Code manufactured homes, rooted largely in local opposition to the regulation of manufactured housing under a federal code and federal standards, rather than state or local building codes and standards. Once adopted, such an updated HUD preemption statement could then be utilized by HUD itself – <u>and private parties as well</u> (including industry groups and even consumers) – <u>to challenge</u> and seek the invalidation of such illegitimate, discriminatory and exclusionary zoning laws.

In addition to the prevention/elimination of zoning exclusion, MHARR also addressed the need for <u>competitive-rate</u> consumer financing for mainstream manufactured housing purchases (particularly in light of the nearly 20-year <u>failure</u> of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to implement the DTS mandate with respect to the dominant chattel consumer financing market), and urged the Commissioner to continue reviewing and adjusting, as appropriate, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) programs for manufactured home financing, particularly the Title I program. The HUD delegation acknowledged the steep drop-off in FHA manufactured housing loans that has occurred since the 1990s and indicated that they are attuned to the need to revitalize that source of much-needed consumer financing support.

MHARR also raised the need for balance and fairness in relation to the statutory Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), noting that the immediate-past Office of Manufactured Housing Programs leadership (now serving as a Manufactured Housing Institute Vice President) had drastically skewed MHCC membership toward the industry's largest corporate conglomerates – with multiple representatives of the same companies serving at the same time and certain HUD-favored members having been appointed to term after term after term. MHARR stressed to the Commissioner that smaller, independent manufacturers (which are disproportionately impacted by needless and/or excessive regulation) need to be fully and properly represented on the MHCC, and

that such representation must include <u>collective representation</u> through an MHARR staff member.

Finally, MHARR advised the HUD delegation of its recent meeting with high-level U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) officials regarding impending manufactured housing "energy conservation" standards and the absolute necessity of withdrawing and repudiating those standards both at DOE AND as may be pending or under consideration at HUD. MHARR advised the Commissioner that energy costs for manufactured homes, per U.S. Census Bureau data, are already lower than those for other types of homes and that the type of draconian standards now pending are both unnecessary and would <u>further destroy the supply and availability of truly affordable housing for moderate and lower-income</u> Americans.

Following this detailed and productive meeting, MHARR will continue to engage with leaders in the Trump Administration to seek a reduction of the regulatory barriers confronting the HUD Code industry and to promote the availability and utilization of inherently affordable mainstream manufactured housing as a means to bring to fruition the <u>affordable homeownership agenda</u> being pursued by both President Trump and Secretary Turner.

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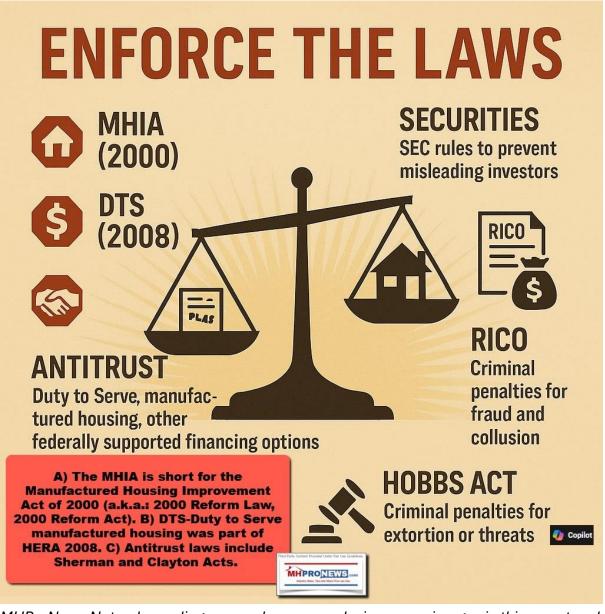
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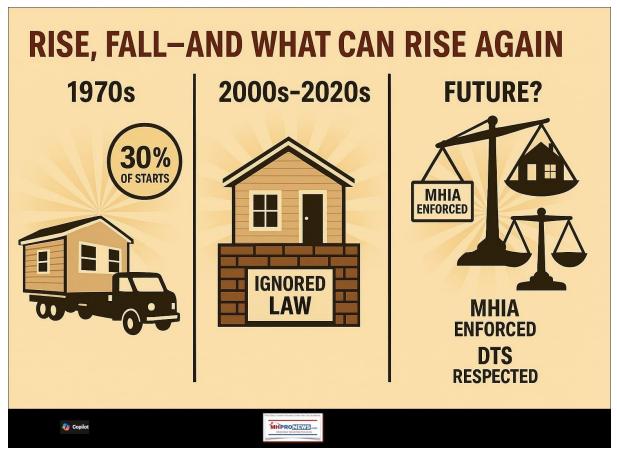
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Part II - Additional Information with More MHVille Facts-Evidence-<u>Analysis</u> (FEA) plus MHProNews Commentary

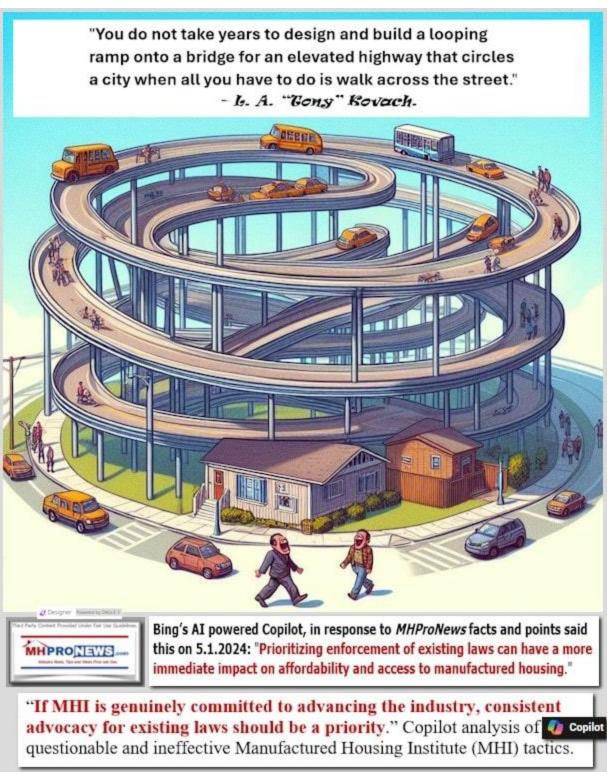
1) It only takes a few words to explain what is needed to solve the affordable housing crisis. Robustly enforce existing laws. So, why does the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) seemingly do all that it can NOT to press routinely and robustly for that logical step?



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Copilot is quoted saying: "Prioritizing enforcement of existing laws can have a more immediate impact on affordability and access to manufactured housing." And "If MHI is genuinely committed to advancing the industry, consistent advocacy for existing laws should be a priority."

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2) The bill was voted out of committee, apparently with MHI support, without fixing the issues that MHARR has said are needed. Additionally, instead of promoting and prioritizing enforcement of EXISTING federal laws, MHI is seemingly using the illusory truth effect to promote their push for the ROAD and other 'moving' legislation, even though those bills may not work as claimed.

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Insights Into Psychology



Illusory Truth Effect

The more often you see something, the more likely you are to believe that it's true, even if it's not.

Truth sandwich

1) Truth



- 2) Note false information
 - 3) Back to the truth

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TERMINOLOGY 101: DECODE MHVille's CRISIS

PALTER

Misleads using technically true statements.

POSTURE

Pretend to advocate while falling to act.

PROJECTING

Accuse others of what you're doing.

ILLUSORY TRUTH EFFECT and lawmakers.

OPTICS

Surface-level appearance used to mislead.

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REGULATORY **CAPTURE**

Agencies serve industry interests over public.

IRON TRIANGLE

Alliance of industry, regulators,

Repetition makes falsehoods seem true. NONPROFIT-CAPTURE

Nonprofits serve funders, not mission

THROTTLING PRODUCTION = CONSOLIDATION

Restricting supply boosts market control.

MOAT

Strategic barrrier

Strategic barrier to competition

HISTORICAL CONTRAST | MHMA VS. MHI

aiding over 200 000 home sites

Photo ops. videos. rarely enforces laws like enhanced uo

PRODUCTION COULD **EXPAND VIA:**

- MHIA 2000 Enhanced Preemption
- · DTS (Duty to Serve) Support for Chattel Loans
- · Information Campaign (e.g., GoRVing)









PRODUCTION SUPPRESSED **FOR PROFIT**





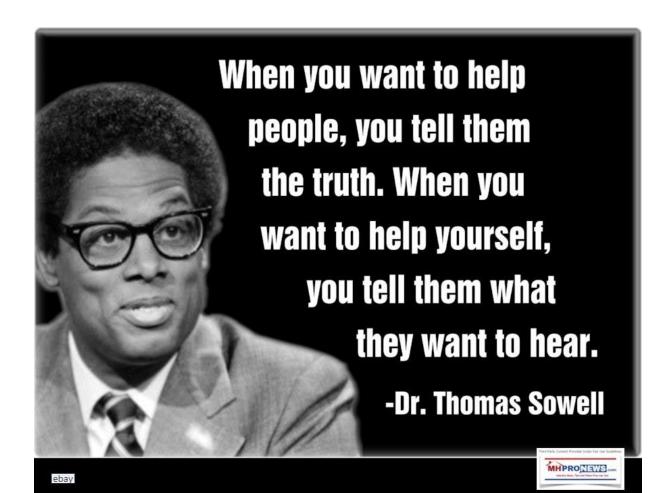


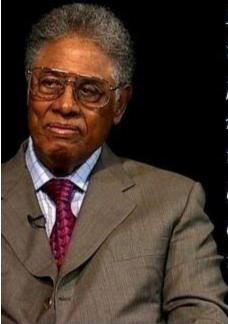
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3) In no particular order of importance are the following. Note that third-party Gemini, Grok, and Copilot have all been asked to uniquely probe the ROAD to Housing bill along with the commonsense need to enforce existing law, viewed through the lens of some economic principles explained by economist Thomas Sowell, Ph.D., summarized in his own words as follows.



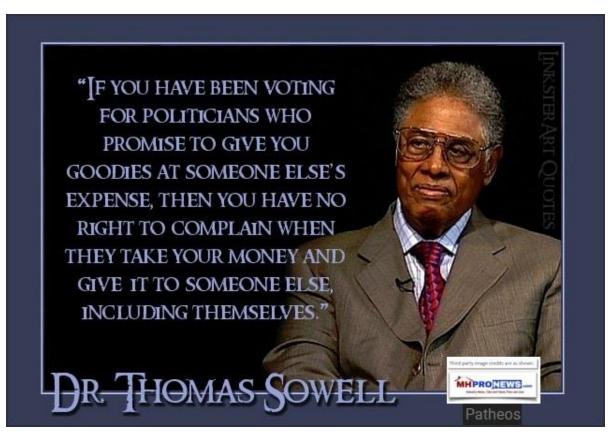


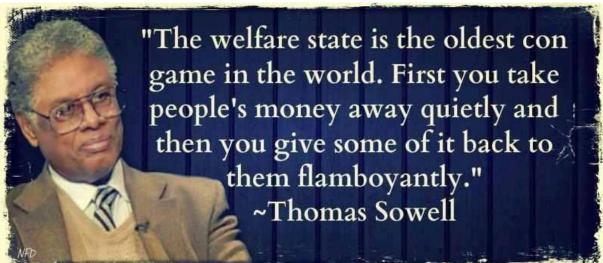
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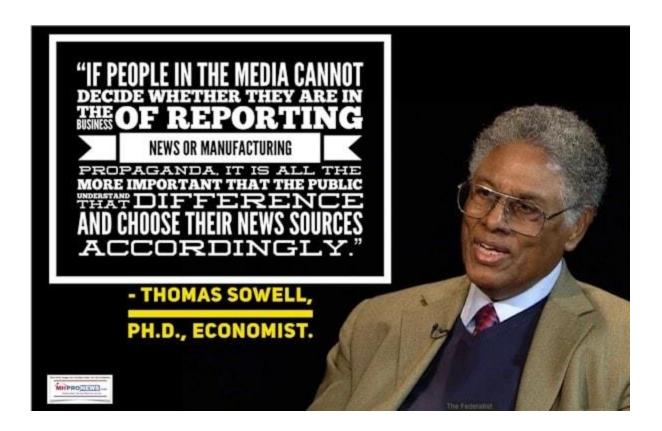
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It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong. Thomas Sowell





Note that Sowell freely admitted several times in his youth that he was a socialist/Marxist. Experience and study lead him away from that thinking.



4) Per Copilot on this date in response to a Q&A (a.k.a.: input/inquiry, chat thread, logical discussion) with MHProNews was this response by Copilot.

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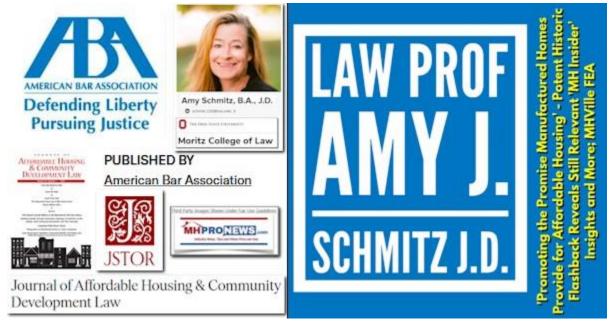
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