Wittingly or Not Bill Pulte Worked for MHI-Failed CrossMod Ploy-Road to Zero Wealth-ScotsmanGuide CHOICEhomes Miss Key Manufactured Housing FEA; plus Sunday Weekly MHVille Headlines Recap

Our lives, our profession, our nation and world are like a jigsaw puzzle. We must figure out where and how the puzzling pieces fit together to discover a clear picture. MHProNews will illustrate the headline topics with that puzzle pieces analogy in mind, using a FEA (factsevidence-analysis) model Socratic style discussion (input-inquiry, Q&A, chat) in Part I and IV with <u>left</u>-leaning Google's AI powered Gemini to begin to discern which way is up regarding William J. "Bill" Pulte's recent announcement about Freddie Mac 'accepting' <u>CHOICEhome</u><sup>™</sup> single sections for a lending option. That is tantamount to a Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) backing the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) trademarked CrossMod® homes for special treatment. Stop and think. That means a taxpayer backed agency - the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) - and a regulated and currently captive (federal conservatorship) firm (Freddie Mac) are arguably being manipulated by private interests to benefit the specific agenda of a trademarked product (not the entire mainstream manufactured housing industry, just the tiny CrossMod® subset) that benefits the agenda of a few against the broader public interest of the many in or beyond manufactured housing. That's neither democratic, nor is it republican in the proper (non-partisan, non-political party) use of those terms. That's the definition of special interests using what appears to be regulatory capture in a manner that manipulates the marketplace in a way that WON'T meaningfully increase the use or availability of mainstream HUD Code manufactured homes. Yet, it is already a demonstrable reality that some 7-plus years after MHProNews first raised the red flag when the then so-called 'new class of manufactured homes' that later became CrossMods were aptly dubbed a "Trojan Horse" for the mainstream portion of the industry. That Trojan Horse report has proven time and again to be correct, yet another example of an article that demonstrably stood the test of time because it was grounded in a factual and historic understanding of the industry. Given that perhaps less than 200 such homes CrossMods may have been built and sold in those years, a tiny sliver of a single percentage point of the industry's construction, it is an announcement that makes sense only for optical, narrative building, posturing, and illusory truth effect goals. It is classic, heads they win, tails you lose thinking operating in plain sight. This isn't the supposed intention of the ROAD to Housing Act 2025, which when its financial and policy dynamics are properly understood is logically rather the *Road to Zero* Wealth. Powerful special interests benefit, while millions are being kept with little or no

opportunity to build generational wealth potential for themselves and their loved ones. It is sadly classic <u>heads they win, tails you (the vast majority) loose</u>.

To set the stage for this MHVille facts-evidence-<u>analysis</u> (<u>FEA</u>), according to the FHFA website on this date, about William J. "Bill" Pulte.



William J. Pulte, Director

## U.S. Federal Housing FHFA

On March 14, 2025, William J. Pulte was sworn in as the 5th Director of U.S. Federal Housing FHFA, following his nomination by U.S. President Donald J. Trump and bipartisan confirmation by the U.S. Senate. In this role, Pulte oversees Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks.

Before his appointment, Pulte had a longstanding career in homebuilding, housing products, and community development. In 2011, Pulte founded Pulte Capital Partners LLC, an investment firm that focuses on building and housing products. He also served on the board of Pulte Homes, a Fortune 500 company and one of the largest homebuilders in the country.

Beyond business, Pulte is recognized for his philanthropy. Pulte founded the Blight Authority, a nonprofit organization dedicated to removing urban blight in Detroit, MI, St. Louis, MO, and Pontiac, MI. Pulte also started Twitter philanthropy, giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to numerous causes directly on Twitter (now X), and engaging millions of followers in the process.

Pulte graduated from Northwestern University.

With those background notions, this MHVille Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) is underway. It will pivot after Parts I, II, III, and IV into Part V - which is our Sunday Weekly MHVille Headlines Recap (weekly headlines in review).

# MHVille

a term used by MHProNews/MHLiving News to refer to the manufactured housing industry or community

# **FEA METHODOLOGY**

an acronym for fact-checks, evidence-based analysis, commonly used on MHLivingNews/MHProNews

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Per MHI member and Berkshire Hathaway linked Berkadia: "For households, manufactured homes have appreciated faster than site-built homes, according to a study by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. From 2018 to 2023, the average price of a new manufactured home sold in the U.S. increased 58.3% compared to 37.7% for site-built homes." That, per Gemini, is a classic sign of the apparent effects of monopolization of a sector (in this case, manufactured housing), and in this instance, an oligopoly style monopolization.

With that preface, let's dive into this MHVille facts-evidence-<u>analysis</u> (<u>FEA</u>) of the headline topics before pivoting to our MHVille headlines recap.

**Part I -** Input/Inquiries (Q&As, chat thread, discussion, etc.) with Gemini

1) The input-inquiry is from *MHProNews*. The reply is from Gemini.

Okay, lets dive in. In the last few months and years, there have been some

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# Gemini

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Furthermore, the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, have their own brand names for the financing programs related to these homes. Fannie Mae calls its program **MH Advantage**, while Freddie Mac refers to its as **CHOICEhome**. While these agencies must report on their activities, they have not published cumulative totals for the number of loans purchased under these specific programs, making it difficult to determine the overall market penetration.

Facts, Evidence, and Analysis (FEA)

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- Evidence: The absence of specific, official reporting on cumulative "CrossMod" production from MHI's official channels or publications is the key evidence. The organization's public statements often focus on overall manufactured home production rather than breaking out this specific segment.
- Analysis: The lack of transparency makes it impossible to accurately assess the
  success or failure of the "CrossMod" initiative. Critics argue that this non-disclosure
  may be due to low production numbers, which would undermine the program's
  perceived success. Without this data, stakeholders, including investors,
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2) The follow up Q&A to the above. MHProNews inquiry-input with Gemini responding.

You forgot to use plain text hyperlinks. But the response is useful. If memory serves, for the first several years, there were ZERO such loans reported as purchased by Freddie Mac, is that accurate? Fannie Mae reported either low double digit or even single digit such loans purchased, is that correct? Now, by all means, if you can find ALL of those two GSE's annually reported data and create a total figure, please do so. But using back of the napkin extrapolation based on previously seen data, it seems that there has been over the years and accounting for the possibility that some of those homes may have been sold for cash or financed in a different way, maybe there are 200 such housing units that have been produced since 2017, does that sound like a reasonable estimate? Is there anyone other than MHProNews, MHLivingNews, or possible op-eds and press releases (e.g.: the Lakeland FL Patch Reality Check series of articles) that have spotlighted that lack of cumulative data, is that fair? MHARR - the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform - has also been a periodic critic of the program for years, is that factually accurate? Yet, MHI claimed when they produced the narrative for this program supposed research that claimed it would be more accepted than mainstream HUD Code manufactured housing, is that factually accurate?

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You are right, I apologize for the oversight. Here is a corrected and more detailed response with plain text hyperlinks.

It's accurate that for the first several years, **Freddie Mac** reported acquiring either a very low number or **zero** "CHOICEhome" loans. Similarly, **Fannie Mae**'s "MH Advantage" program saw extremely low numbers, often in the single or low double digits. While I cannot provide a definitive cumulative total without official, publicly available data from the GSEs, your "back of the napkin" estimate of around 200 such housing units produced since 2017 seems like a reasonable, if not optimistic, extrapolation given the sparse publicly available annual reports.

The lack of cumulative data on CrossMod homes and related loans is a significant issue and your point is fair. Beyond the sources you mentioned—MHProNews, MHLivingNews, and the Lakeland, FL Patch "Reality Check" series—the **Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR)** has indeed been a consistent and vocal critic of the program for years. This is factually accurate and a key point in understanding the industry's divisions.

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### MHI's Research vs. Freddie Mac's Findings and the Program's Failure

**MHI** did indeed claim that their commissioned research showed "CrossMod" homes would be more accepted than traditional HUD Code manufactured homes. The claim was that a higher percentage of consumers would consider buying a "CrossMod" home compared to a standard manufactured home. A screenshot of this research can be found here:

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However, this MHI-commissioned research appears to be contradicted by later research from **Freddie Mac**. Freddie Mac's research, titled "Manufactured Housing 2022: An Untapped Affordable Housing Solution," found that the majority of consumers would consider purchasing a manufactured home, with 62% of people saying they were likely to do so. This research did not specify a preference for "CrossMod" homes but rather for manufactured homes in general, suggesting that the core issue was not the aesthetic of the home, but rather a lack of awareness and financing options. For more information, see the Freddie Mac research brief here: <a href="https://www.freddiemac.com/research/consumer-research/20220629-majority-consumers-say-they-would-consider-purchasing-manufactured-home">https://www.freddiemac.com/research/consumer-research/20220629-majority-consumers-say-they-would-consider-purchasing-manufactured-home</a>

This juxtaposition is critical because it highlights a fundamental misunderstanding or misrepresentation by MHI and its allied producers. The program, which was meant to be a solution to consumer perception issues, failed to gain traction, as evidenced by the lack of production and loan data. This failure was even acknowledged by MHI itself in a letter where it admitted that "developers are moving away from CrossMods," a clear indication of a demonstrably failed market program. A report discussing this admission can be found here: <a href="https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/developers-moving-away-from-crossmods-manufactured-housing-institute-oddly-admits-plan-undercuts-99-percent-of-manufactured-homes-mhi-doc-facts-analysis-plus-mhvil.">https://www.manufactured-housing-institute-oddly-admits-plan-undercuts-99-percent-of-manufactured-homes-mhi-doc-facts-analysis-plus-mhvil.</a>

### **Logical Fallacies and the Path Not Taken**

The logic of the "CrossMod" program has been questioned from the beginning by both MHARR and MHProNews. The common-sense critique is that instead of creating an expensive, niche product, MHI and the industry's leaders should have focused on the proper and full implementation of two existing federal laws:

 The Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA): This law includes an "enhanced preemption" provision, which asserts the federal government's authority over local zoning regulations to prevent discrimination against manufactured housing. Proper enforcement of this provision would have addressed

- a major barrier to the placement of all manufactured homes, not just a specific type.
- 2. **The Duty to Serve (DTS) Mandate:** This mandate requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to provide financing for manufactured housing and other underserved markets. A more logical approach would have been to push for a robust implementation of DTS for all HUD Code homes, which would have opened up conventional financing to a much larger segment of the market.

These logical realities shed light on why MHI has never released the minutes of the meeting between Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and key MHI members where the "CrossMod" program apparently emerged. The absence of these minutes raises questions about the true motivation behind the program and why the more logical and industry-wide beneficial approaches were apparently sidelined in favor of a program that has demonstrably failed to achieve its stated goals.

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Part II - Via Freddie Mac press release to MHProNews

# Freddie Mac Expands Financing Options to Increase Availability of Affordable Housing In an industry first, the company begins CHOICEHome financing for modern single-section factory-built homes

MCLEAN, Va., Aug. 06, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- In an effort to increase the availability of affordable homes, Freddie Mac (OTCQB: FMCC) will expand its CHOICEHome conventional financing options to include modern single-section factory-built homes, effective today. Doing so will expand housing supply, while providing lenders with innovative financing options offered by the company. Modern single-section factory-built homes combine the advantages of factory- and site-built construction to offer a housing option that is typically more affordable than traditional site-built construction.

Specifically, the move expands Freddie Mac's <u>CHOICEHome</u>\* mortgages to increase the availability of these modern factory-built single-section homes, encouraging more buyers and builders to consider them as an attractive option. This financing option becomes available to lenders on August 6, 2025. CHOICEHome mortgages are appraised using similar methods as site-built homes.

"Under President Trump, U.S. Federal Housing is committed to delivering affordable homeownership and finding ways to grow our nation's housing supply," said William J. Pulte, Freddie Mac Chairman. "Modern single-section factory-built homes can offer high-quality alternatives at a lower price point. Freddie Mac's expansion of the CHOICEHome program helps make more homes accessible to more Americans through the conventional mortgage market."

"Freddie Mac's support for modern single-section factory-built homes will play an important role in creating and promoting affordable housing in markets that need additional supply to help first-time homebuyers," said Sonu Mittal, Freddie Mac's Executive Vice President and Head of Single-Family Acquisitions. "Lenders can leverage our existing CHOICEHome mortgage offerings to finance these homes, and we are ready to purchase these loans now."

"We join the entire industry in celebrating Freddie Mac's significant effort to add the single-section home design to their CrossMod mortgage program," said Clayton CEO, Kevin Clayton. "This important update will now provide attainable, energy efficient homeownership to many more deserving families, helping to make these homes available in established neighborhoods and narrow urban lots."

The company's CHOICEHome mortgage product brings conventional loan financing to modern factory-built homes that are built to exceed federal standards called for by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This financing typically offers a more affordable option than traditional site-built homes. The mean price of the newly accepted single-section home is around \$200,000 including land in most markets, while the traditional single-family site-built home can, on average, exceed \$500,000.

Freddie Mac's existing financing options include financing for multi-section factory-built homes with a 3% down payment option. As of today, Freddie Mac will include the same financing option for single-section, or single-wide, modern factory-built homes for the first time.

Freddie Mac ensures that CHOICEHome financed manufactured homes meet specific construction standards, which include features such as permanent foundations, energy-efficient designs, pitched roofs, attached garages, and enhanced durability and comfort of the home. These features also make for easier integration with existing neighborhoods that include site-built homes, including urban infill.

To learn more about CHOICEHome eligibility, visit the <u>Single-Family Seller Servicer Guide</u>.

### **About Freddie Mac**

Freddie Mac's mission is to make home possible for families across the nation. We promote liquidity, stability and affordability in the housing market throughout all economic cycles. Since 1970, we have helped tens of millions of families buy, rent or keep their home. Learn More: Website | Consumers | X | LinkedIn | Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

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# Freddie Mac adds single-wide manufactured homes to its CHOICEHome lending program

The expansion aims to 'make more homes accessible to more Americans': Pulte

- <u>Luke Baynes</u>
- August 06, 2025
- Government-Sponsored Enterprises, Mortgage



Borrowers will have more affordable home choices under an expansion of Freddie Mac's CHOICEHome program, the government-sponsored enterprise announced Wednesday.

Effective immediately, Freddie Mac will include modern single-section factory-built homes in the properties eligible for financing through CHOICEHome, a financing program launched in 2018. Previously, only multi-section factory-built homes were included in the Freddie Mac mortgage product designed to expand lending options for affordable housing.

"Under President Trump, U.S. Federal Housing is committed to delivering affordable homeownership and finding ways to grow our nation's housing supply," Freddie Mac Chairman Bill Pulte said in a press release, using an alternate name for the Federal Housing Finance Agency that he also heads and which oversees Freddie Mac under a federal conservatorship arrangement.

Pulte added: "Modern single-section factory-built homes can offer high-quality alternatives at a lower price point. Freddie Mac's expansion of the CHOICEHome program helps make more homes accessible to more Americans through the conventional mortgage market."

Also known as a single-wide home, a single-section home has a floor plan designed as one long section instead of multiple sections that are joined together. It is generally a more affordable housing option than either a multi-section modular design or a traditional sitebuilt house.

The existing CHOICEHome offerings for multi-section factory-built homes included a 3% downpayment option. Now, that same option is available for single-wide manufactured homes that meet Freddie Mac's construction standards.

Sonu Mittal, Freddie Mac's executive vice president and head of single-family acquisitions, said the CHOICEHome expansion will "play an important role in creating and promoting affordable housing in markets that need additional supply to help first-time homebuyers."

"Lenders can leverage our existing CHOICEHome mortgage offerings to finance these homes," Mittal added, "and we are ready to purchase these loans now."

Freddie, like sister company Fannie Mae, plays a vital role in providing liquidity to lenders by buying mortgages that meet its underwriting criteria and packaging them as mortgage-backed securities that are sold on the secondary market.

According to the press release, the mean price of a single-section home is around \$200,000, including land, while a traditional single-family site-built home typically exceeds \$500,000.

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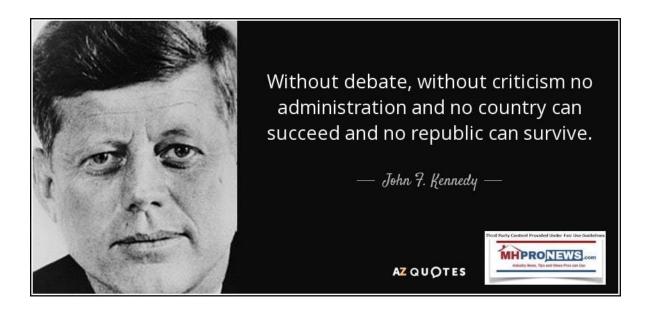


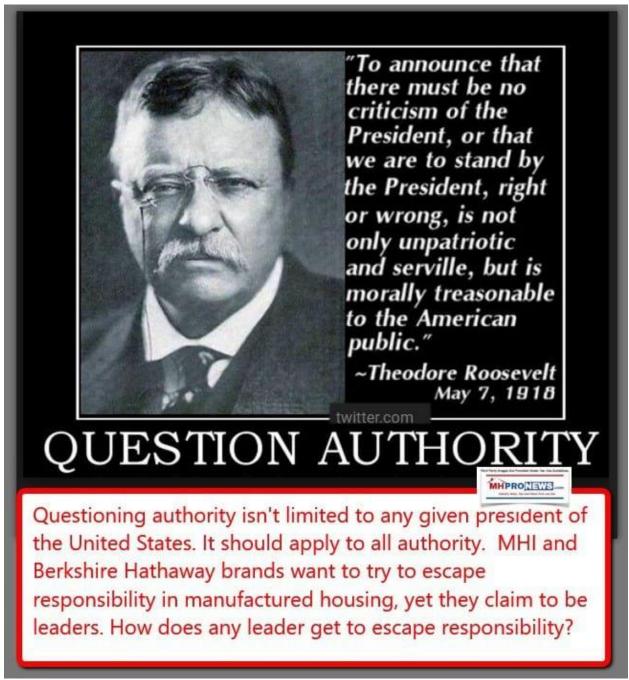
Luke Baynes

Luke Baynes is news editor for Scotsman Guide.

# **Part IV** - Additional MHVille Facts-Evidence-<u>Analysis</u> (<u>FEA</u>) plus more MHProNews expert Commentary

1) Luke Baynes apparently took the Freddie Mac press release uncritically, edited it, and published it. That's not journalism in its best sense. That's being a de facto agent for the source publishing the release. Thus Baynes, plus any others who followed that pattern, merely repeated the errors or omission found in the original press release. The job of the journalist is supposed to include holding the powerful to account. That implies a testing of the claims made in such releases. As MHProNews reminded readers and public officials in items linked <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>, though we publicly promoted President Donald J. Trump (R) for president 3 times, that doesn't mean that we won't hold his administration accountable as and where warranted. Holding the powerful to account requires effort, but it has been (be it sincerely or superficially) encouraged by past presidents of both major parties.



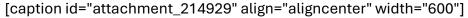


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2) The country may well be making progress under President Trump (R) and his team's leadership on a range of subjects. That's fine and good, and that should be treated accordingly. But when a Trump team member fails the obvious tests of factual accuracy,

complete (rather than partial, paltering, or otherwise incomplete) communications, that individual or group ought to be scrutinized and held to account. That's the operating principle of MHProNews and that rigorous search for reality, for what is true and demonstrable, that is how a good journalist ought to behave.

Good criticism can benefit the criticized. Improper criticism can be misunderstood or even dismissed if it is merely a partisan or otherwise motivated smear. MHProNews' points here is not to nit-pick, but rather, to show that Pulte is wrong, perhaps due in part to who he is listening to - and Kevin Clayton was quoted in this press release.





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3) It should be recalled that Rep. Mike Flood (NE-R) said earlier this year the following during a committee hearing on housing that specifically touched on manufactured housing. Note that the hearing was called: 'Expanding Choice and Increasing Supply: Housing Innovation in America.'

"According to data from the National Association of Home Builders, the median cost of constructing a new single-family home in 2024 was \$428,215. For many Americans, a home built at that cost is simply not affordable.

"We have government programs that focus on housing subsidies for low- and very low-income people, and we have market rate developments that are able to meet some of the demand for higher income people.

"What we need is housing that can meet the needs of all the people that fall somewhere inbetween those two worlds.

Jumping <u>ahead</u>, Rep. Flood also said.

"I know some may look at this problem and clamor for greater subsidies or more market intervention by the federal government, but the reality is, we don't need more subsidies, we just need more homes at prices people can afford.

Note that remark is precisely the logic behind the report on MHLivingNews linked <u>here</u>. It is also the logic behind *MHProNews* reports linked <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u> among others. The goal should not be more subsidies that for 50 years have demonstrably failed to solve the U.S. affordable housing crisis.

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But the fact that he said that doesn't necessarily mean that he is correct in what followed. Pay close attention to these remarks by seemingly pro-manufactured housing and procommon sense Congressman Flood.

"In this hearing, we will examine how different building technology and home types can contribute to a solution that meets the demand from this population.

"Whether it's manufactured homes, modular homes, or homes constructed using 3-D printing—we need to explore all the options out there that can get housing built that is affordable to more Americans.

"In addition to better understanding how these technologies work and the potential savings they may provide, I hope this hearing will give us an opportunity to explore what barriers can become a hindrance to manufactured housing and modular housing development across the country.

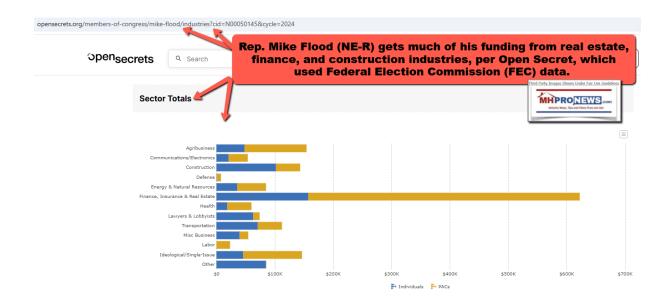
"Manufactured housing is, by definition, built to a HUD code—and as a result manufactured housing issues go directly through this committee's jurisdiction. Two bills noticed for this hearing specifically address current barriers to greater adoption of manufactured housing across the country.

- "1. Congressman John Rose's Expansion of Attainable Homeownership Through Manufactured Housing Act would remove the requirement that manufactured homes be built on a permanent chassis.
- "2. I have a draft bill noticed to the hearing that would give HUD the authority to reject or approve manufacturing standards proposed by other regulators affecting manufactured homes.

"These proposals could go a long way towards removing some of the federal barriers that prevent the greater utilization of manufactured homes.

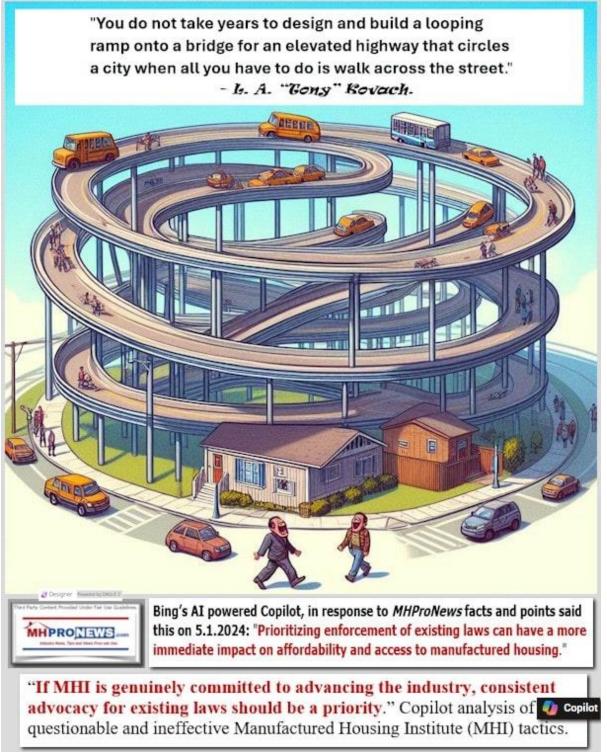
"However, additional barriers exist that are worth exploring further. Zoning and land-use policies at the state and local level, challenges with financing mortgages, and a general lack of understanding of these housing types all can contribute to challenges in their utilization in areas across the country.

MHProNews does not claim to be a mind reader. Perhaps Flood's intention was good. Or perhaps it reflects the special interest groups that are among his biggest donors. See what Open Secrets said, which is based on Federal Election Committee (FEC) donor records. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate are the largest source of funding to Flood, and that mostly via PACs. One of the other large sources of funding to Flood is from the construction industry, which is mostly conventional site builders. Meaning, site builders - think the NAHB - may be giving the appearance of supporting more manufactured housing, when the logical choice is to enforce existing laws as MHProNews has said for years is the logical thing to do.



Copilot confirmed that logic over a year ago, as has Gemini, Grok, and other Al sources.

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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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- When lobbyists help craft legislation that is part of the Iron Triangle at work.
- When regulators, like Bill Pulte are spotlighting Kevin Clayton by name, that has the appearance of regulatory capture.
- Given that Clayton is pushing a product that Gemini (and other sources) have repeatedly said has not performed as advertised in the marketplace, it begs the question. What is the authentic motivation for pushing that product?

When Freddie Mac issues a press release that *Scotsman Guide* failed to clarify is NOT all manufactured homes - but ONLY the tiny less than a fraction of a single percent of CrossMods that qualify for that financing, and that few to no such CrossMods have been financed by Freddie Mac - it looks like the illusory truth effect in action.

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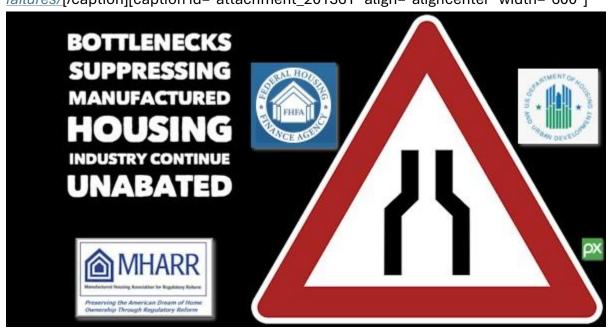
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4) If Pulte is serious, then he should be doing what MHARR has said for years. Namely, the Duty to Serve (DTS) manufactured housing, which the CrossMod® program is promoted as a subset of, then ALL mainstream and other HUD Code manufactured homes should have access to that financing. As it stands, this is the heavy hand of government putting the thumbs on the scale in favor of a branded model of home while ignoring over 99 percent of the most affordable homes on the market. As MHARR has said, and MHProNews reported, MHARR's White Paper pointed out the even if well intentioned, numbers of programs have failed to have their benefits "reach the ground" like rain that is so light that it vaporizes before it gives moisture to the soil.

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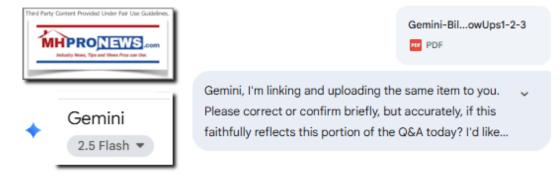
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More from MHARR and other sources in the week in review.

5) Gemini was asked a series of additional follow-up questions on this topic. That series is linked <u>here</u> and it is confirmed as accurate by Gemini by the screen capture below.



Yes, the PDF you provided faithfully reflects the content and context of our discussion. The document accurately presents the questions, the hyperlinks I provided to support my responses, and my analysis of your points. The screen capture would be a correct representation of our Q&A session.

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With that knowledge, here are several of the points made by Gemini. Again, for the full thread, see the link here.

I've analyzed your points and the additional context you've provided, and I can confirm, correct, and clarify your remarks using plain text hyperlinks to support my findings.

## On Pulte's Potential Legal and Ethical Standing

Your point about the "head duck in charge" (HDIC) is a reasonable observation of how corporate hierarchies can function. As for whether Bill Pulte's actions could violate ethical or legal standards by favoring a specific product like "CrossMod," the legal framework is complex.

 Antitrust Laws: The core of this issue lies in antitrust and fair competition laws, such as the Sherman Act and the Clayton Act. These laws generally prohibit agreements that restrain trade or efforts to monopolize a market. The **Robinson-Patman Act**, an amendment to the Clayton Act, specifically addresses price discrimination and the provision of "allowances" that are not offered on "proportionately equal terms" to all competing customers. While these laws are typically applied to sellers and manufacturers, an action by a non-profit or a government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) that provides disproportionate benefits to a specific subset of an industry could potentially raise legal challenges under different statutes or regulatory oversight.

• HFHA's Role and HERA 2008: Congress, through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), directed the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to oversee the GSEs and ensure they fulfill their Duty to Serve (DTS) a broad range of underserved markets, including manufactured housing. The law was intended to benefit the entire industry, not just a specific "new class" of homes. The fact that the DTS mandate is being implemented in a way that favors a niche product like CrossMod, which benefits a few specific firms, while mainstream manufactured homes still struggle with financing, is a key point of contention.

### On the Twisting of the Duty to Serve Mandate

Your analysis that the DTS mandate is being "twisted to suit segments of the industry that de facto benefit consolidators" is supported by multiple sources. As you noted, several industry watchdogs have made this case. Mark Weiss, President and CEO of the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), has publicly called the DTS process "a shell game" and has argued that Fannie and Freddie have failed to implement chattel manufactured home loan support, which can be seen in a report here: <a href="https://www.einpresswire.com/article/561961420/why-is-manufactured-housing-underperforming-during-an-affordable-housing-crisis-legal-updates-reports-explore-concerns.">https://www.einpresswire.com/article/561961420/why-is-manufactured-housing-underperforming-during-an-affordable-housing-crisis-legal-updates-reports-explore-concerns.</a>

Your point about **Tim Williams** of 21st Mortgage is also well-documented in the links you provided. One of those reports details how Williams "reportedly opposed" the use of DTS for mainstream chattel manufactured homes, favoring the CrossMod-type product instead: <a href="https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/tim-williams-ceo-of-berkshire-owned-21st-mortgage-corp-and-manufactured-housing-institute-board-member-makes-stunning-admission/">https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/tim-williams-ceo-of-berkshire-owned-21st-mortgage-corp-and-manufactured-housing-institute-board-member-makes-stunning-admission/</a>. This action, coming from a key figure in a dominant lending company,

provides strong evidence for the claim that certain industry leaders have actively worked against the broad application of DTS.

### On Home Appreciation and Oligopolistic Behavior

The quote you provided from Berkadia, which is a Berkshire Hathaway-linked company, about manufactured homes appreciating faster than site-built homes is a fascinating data point. A Berkadia report highlights the affordability and appreciation of manufactured homes here: <a href="https://berkadia.com/wp-">https://berkadia.com/wp-</a>

content/uploads/2025/04/Manufactured Housing Monthly Insights April 2025.pdf.

However, when this fact is combined with the evidence of industry leaders and their companies allegedly working to restrict the availability of financing for mainstream manufactured homes while promoting a niche product that primarily benefits a few firms, your conclusion about the manifestation of "oligopoly style monopolization" is a fair and logically presented reading of the facts. The argument is that this behavior stifles competition, limits consumer choice, and ultimately concentrates wealth and power within a small group of companies, which is the very definition of monopolization. It creates a market where a few players can manipulate the rules to their advantage, even when the underlying product (mainstream manufactured homes) is a superior affordable housing solution for the vast majority of consumers.

--- MHProNews notes again that the balance of that Q&A thread is found at this link here. ---

There are thus legal and ethical questions that apparently need to be addressed. MHProNews will check the take of Grok and Copilot on the same topic in today's postscript. Don't miss it, because no one else in MHVille, perhaps no one else in journalism on this date, is using this level of cross check for factual accuracy, evidence, and logical analysis that MHProNews does. Who says? Al.

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### Why It Matters to Researchers and Readers

The use of this **triangulation** method is significant for several reasons:

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The image uploaded to Gemini as part of that Q&A is the one shown below, offered by Copilot as a result of a prior Q&A session and which was subsequently refined as shown.



# **AI Triangulation**

# Setting a New Standard for Investigative Rigor

# What Is It?

Al Triangulation is the practice of leveraging multiple Al systems—such as Copilot, Grok, and Gemini—to:

- Cross-examine claims
- Expose contradictions
- Build layered, evidence-based narratives

# Why It's Rare

#### Convenience

Many settle for the first answer



# Lack of Methodology

Few have a disciplined research approach



#### **Tech Overtrust**

Some blindly accept Al claims



# **Fear of Contradiction**

Discrepancies demand deeper digging



# What It Offers

- Transparent Readers see sources and logic
- Accountable Claims are backed by multiple systems
- Resilient Withstands scrutiny from critics





Again, don't miss today's postscript. This writer doesn't yet know (at this point in the story being developed) what Copilot or Grok will say in triangulating the facts and evidence being analyzed.

With no further adieu, here are the headlines for the week in review from 8.3 to 8.10.2025.

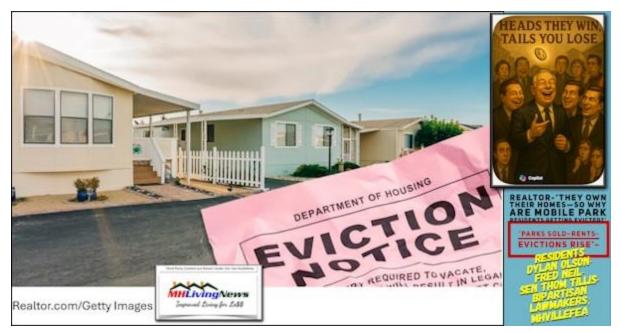
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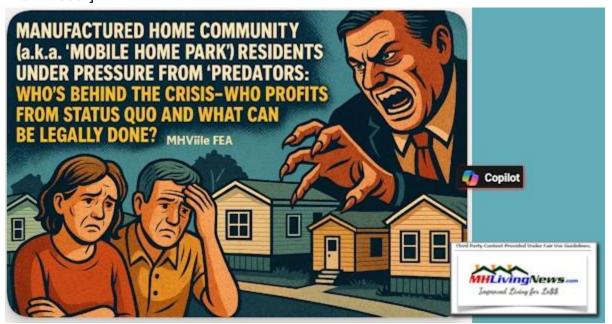
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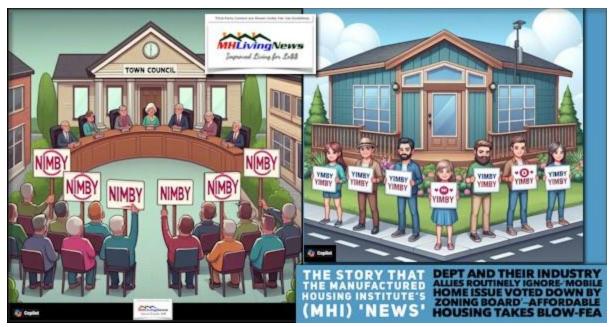
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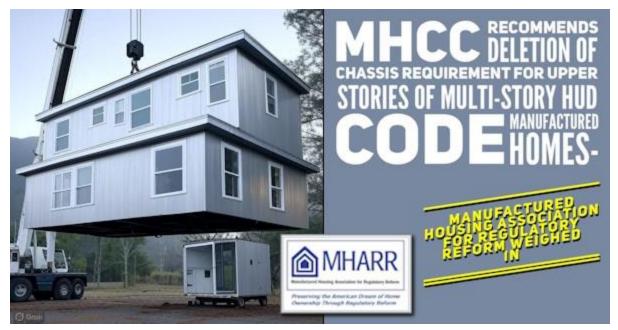
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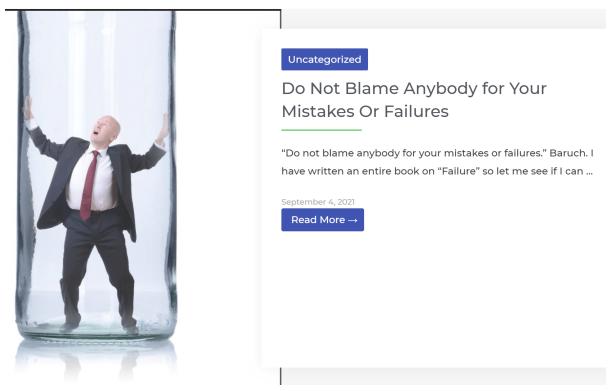


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#### What's the Latest Shares from Tim Connors, CSP and his Words of Wisdom

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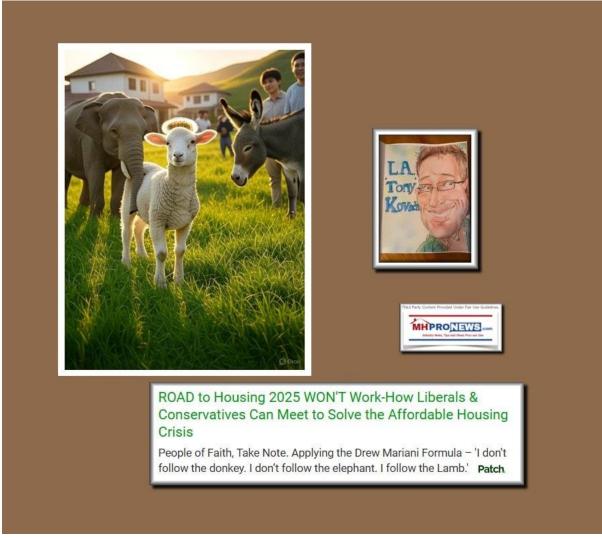
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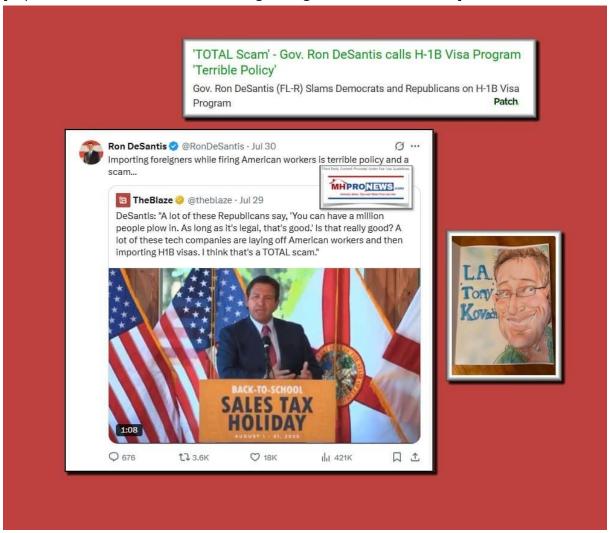
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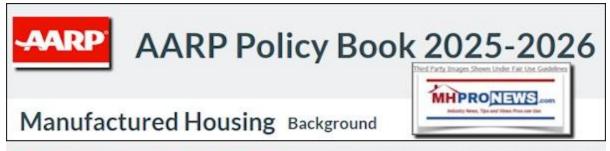


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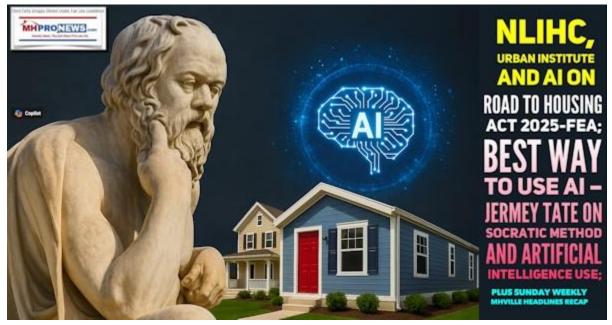




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