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Response by Grok as shown.



Grok, the upload is made up of several screen captures of input/inquiries (Q&As, chats, discussion, etc.) with various third-party artificial intelligence (AI) to this writer for MHProNews/MHLivingNews. Let me provide some background thinking as this relates to lack of affordable housing in the U.S. which is estimated to require millions of homes to close the gap. Numerous sources, including HUD, say that for 50 years, regulatory and zoning barriers have been an issue.

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/revisiting-pamela-blumenthal-and-regina-gray-hud-edge-report-opportunities-to-increase-housing-production-and-preservation-plus-star-parker-hud-sec-turner-with-facts-and-mhville-analysis/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/fifty-years-of-efforts-to-reduce-regulatory-barriers-pamela-m-blumenthal-hud-office-of-policy-development-and-research-unpacking-5-decades-of-affordable-housing-miscues-i> HUD's Regina Gray said in her own words that the pinnacle of affordability that emerged from HUD's Operation Breakthrough is HUD Code manufactured housing:

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/expanding-housing-choice-through-investments-in-innovation-and-technology-regina-gray-hud-director-affordable-housing-research-and-technology-division-on-manufactured-housing-plus-m/> That makes sense as a necessary part of the solution to the housing crisis because modern mainstream HUD Code manufactured homes are inherently affordable. Conventional housing, per the NAHB, routinely requires subsidies to be more affordable, and they are still not as affordable as manufactured homes. <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/nahb-priced-out-study-expose-nearly-75-of-u-s-households-cannot-afford-new-median-priced-home-in-2025-what-about-manufactured-homes-eye-opening-mhi-mharr-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis-fea/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/national-association-of-home-builders-nahb-how-zoning-regulations-affect-affordable-housing-without-subsidies-developing-and-building-untenable-hits-misses-re-ma> NAHB has been

undermining manufactured housing via influence with HUD per Federal Reserve System linked researchers that include James Schmitz Jr.

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/mass-production-of-homes-in-u-s-factories-first-and-only-experiment-was-tremendous-success-by-elena-falcettoni-james-a-schmitz-jr-mark-l-j-wright-plus-sunday-weekly-mhville-head/> and

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/sabotaging-monopolies-minneapolis-fed-researchers-charge-hud-collusion-w-builders-to-sabotage-manufactured-housing-independents-created-u-s-housing-crisis/> which seems to be confirmed by items like this:

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/nahb-letter-hud-sec-scott-turner-confirms-conv-builders-want-need-subsidies-to-vie-with-manufactured-homes-why-this-matters-to-public-officials-taxpayers-affordable-housing-seekers-mhville-fea> and

[https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/NAHBpolicy-](https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/NAHBpolicy-handbookManufacturedHousingRemovableChassisOct2021.pdf)

[handbookManufacturedHousingRemovableChassisOct2021.pdf](https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/NAHBpolicy-handbookManufacturedHousingRemovableChassisOct2021.pdf) Rachel Cohen Booth's

insights via Vox reveals what appears to be a curious duplicity on the part of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI or manufacturedhousing.org) that is working openly with NAHB even though they are clearly aware (per what CEO Lesli Gooch said to Vox's Cohen Booth) that NAHB has been 'sabotaging' manufactured housing with HUD. Gooch failed to say (once again) the nearly magic words "enhanced preemption" or the "Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000" (a.k.a.: MHIA, MHIA 2000, 2000 Reform Act, 2000 Reform Law) as the possible solution to the barriers that have worsened for manufactured housing in the 21st century, despite the intentions of the law.

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/edward-hussey-to-be-clear-madam-chairwoman-there-is-nothing-wrong-with-the-2000-law-the-manufactured-housing-improvement-act-doesnt-need-to-be-amended-the-issue-is-implementation/> and

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/statements-to-congress-by-kevin-clayton-clayton-homes-for-manufactured-housing-institute-john-bostick-of-sunshine-homes-on-behalf-of-manufactured-housing-association-for-regulatory-reform/> and

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/double-digit-2023-manufactured-home-production-slide-continues-per-national-manufactured-housing-association-more-new-manufactured-home-living-facts/> and

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/cavco-ceo-william-bill-boor-for-mhi-to-congress-esg-distorts-market-v-roxanne-bland-martin-lavin-follow-the-money-pay-more-attenti/> HUD issued an almost \$900,000 contract last year to McKinsey even though McKinsey has apparently failed to mention "manufactured housing," "manufactured home," or "HUD Code" housing anywhere on their website:

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/2-trillion-dollar-annual-u-s-dilemma-raised-by-nlihc-and-mckinsey-mharr-reports-manufactured-housing-production-growth->

june-2025-historic-facts-key-expert-quotes-research-and-mhville-fea/ While some may have thought that perhaps Chevron Deference could have previously made suing to get the 2000 Reform Law or the Duty to Serve manufactured housing enforced, the Loper Bright decision would arguably now make that easier, right?

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/masthead/loper-brights-light-on-fhfa-fannie-mae-freddie-mac-duty-to-serve-manufactured-housing-and-a-pimple-on-an-elephants-ass-eye-opening-warren-buffett-dts-for-manufactured-homes-w> It has also been observed that there appears to be a slow motion oligopoly style monopolization of manufactured housing underway during the 21st century, which may or may not shed light on possible motivation for MHI's seemingly odd behavior, given that their board of directors is made up of consolidators. <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/management-by-objective-mbo-lens-road-to-housing-act-nahb-nar-plus-recent-manufactured-housing-institute-mhi-irs-form-990-v-mharr-when-inaction-or-distraction-speaks-loudly-mhville-fea/> MHI is pushing an arguably flawed bills (e.g.: the ROAD to Housing Act 2025) that fails to mention federal preemption and the 2000 Reform Law and may undermine that language. With those various pieces of evidence in mind, here is the topic of inquiry. It seems to me that A) there is an evidence-based argument to be made that the Wilsonian and since push toward a more bureaucratic federal government has demonstrably failed to solve the housing crisis. B) Once socialist-minded economist Thomas Sowell's thinking would point to the obvious truth that adding a layer of bureaucracy to a problem (whatever it is healthcare, the federal Dept of Education which has not meaningfully improved educational outcomes in the U.S. after decades in existence, etc.) does not make a problem less costly and thus more affordable (it in facts make something less affordable because the bureaucracy must be paid for too, right?). C) The Chevron/Loper Bright example reveals that the Supreme Court can pivot on a topic. It seems that near the root cause of the housing crisis is that inherently affordable mainstream manufactured homes are being unjustly locked out of the marketplace, despite the 2000 Reform law and its enhanced preemption provision, correct? While notorious, Frank Rolfe insightful said that there is no actual intention on the part of "special interests" to solve the housing crisis: <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/frank-rolfe-denounces-special-interests-dont-tell-me-we-cant-solve-affordable-housing-truth-is-we-dont-want-to-solve-affordable-housing-> isn't that factually accurate and potentially relevant point that needs to be considered? It seems that the simplest way to solve the crisis is to allow all proven forms of construction to compete in as level a playing field as possible and that is what the 2000 Reform law and the Housing and Economic Recovery Act's Duty to Serve Manufactured Housing were supposed to do, correct? So, while there may be pragmatic need to wean people slowly off subsidies over time to keep people from revolting, subsidies mathematically have never solved the housing crisis, and with the principles of

Sowell in mind, they never will, isn't that logical? Unpack that line of thinking by checking the accuracy of those sources and topics with any available online resources you deem worth checking. Correct, confirm, or clarify as warranted by well documented evidence, using plain text hyperlinks in the body of your reply to support your findings.

Grok initial reply



Your analysis raises several interconnected points about the U.S. housing crisis, the role of manufactured housing, and the influence of bureaucratic and special interest dynamics. Let's unpack this step-by-step, verifying the accuracy of your claims with available evidence and clarifying where needed.

The housing crisis, marked by an estimated shortfall of millions of homes, has been exacerbated by regulatory and zoning barriers for 50 years, a point supported by HUD's own assessments. Sources like the HUD Edge report and Pamela Blumenthal's analysis confirm that these barriers have hindered affordable housing production

[\[https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/revisiting-pamela-blumenthal-and-regina-gray-hud-edge-report-opportunities-to-increase-housing-production-and-preservation-plus-star-parker-hud-sec-turner-with-facts-and-mhville-analysis/\]](https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/revisiting-pamela-blumenthal-and-regina-gray-hud-edge-report-opportunities-to-increase-housing-production-and-preservation-plus-star-parker-hud-sec-turner-with-facts-and-mhville-analysis/). Regina Gray, HUD's Director of Affordable Housing Research, has highlighted HUD Code manufactured housing as the pinnacle of affordability from the Operation Breakthrough initiative [\[https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/expanding-housing-choice-through-investments-in-innovation-and-technology-regina-gray-hud-director-affordable-housing-research-and-technology-division-on-manufactured-housing-plus-m/\]](https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/expanding-housing-choice-through-investments-in-innovation-and-technology-regina-gray-hud-director-affordable-housing-research-and-technology-division-on-manufactured-housing-plus-m/). This aligns with NAHB data showing that conventional housing often requires subsidies to approach affordability, yet still falls short of manufactured homes' cost-effectiveness [\[https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/nahb-priced-out-study-expose-nearly-75-of-u-s-households-cannot-afford-new-median-priced-home-in-2025-what-about-manufactured-homes-eye-opening-mhi-mharr-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis-fea/\]](https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/nahb-priced-out-study-expose-nearly-75-of-u-s-households-cannot-afford-new-median-priced-home-in-2025-what-about-manufactured-homes-eye-opening-mhi-mharr-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis-fea/).

Evidence from Federal Reserve researchers like James Schmitz Jr. suggests that conventional builders, via NAHB, have influenced HUD to suppress manufactured housing, contributing to the crisis [\[https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/mass-production-of-homes-in-u-s-factories-first-and-only-experiment-was-tremendous-success-by-elena-falcettoni-james-a-schmitz-jr-mark-l-j-wright-plus-sunday-weekly-\]](https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/mass-production-of-homes-in-u-s-factories-first-and-only-experiment-was-tremendous-success-by-elena-falcettoni-james-a-schmitz-jr-mark-l-j-wright-plus-sunday-weekly-)

[mhville-head/](#)]. NAHB's policy handbook and letters to HUD Secretary Scott Turner reinforce this, advocating for subsidies to compete with manufactured homes while opposing their broader adoption [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/nahb-letter-hud-sec-scott-turner-confirms-conv-builders-want-need-subsidies-to-vie-with-manufactured-homes-why-this-matters-to-public-officials-taxpayers-affordable-housing-seekers-mhville-fea/>]. This duplicity is echoed in Rachel Cohen Booth's Vox report, where MHI's Lesli Gooch acknowledged NAHB's sabotage yet failed to push for the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000) enhanced preemption provision [<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/edward-hussey-to-be-clear-madam-chairwoman-there-is-nothing-wrong-with-the-2000-law-the-manufactured-housing-improvement-act-doesnt-need-to-be-amended-the-issue-is-implementation/>]. Congressional testimonies from Kevin Clayton and John Bostick further indicate that implementation, not the law itself, is the bottleneck [<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/statements-to-congress-by-kevin-clayton-clayton-homes-for-manufactured-housing-institute-john-bostick-of-sunshine-homes-on-behalf-of-manufactured-housing-association-for-regulatory-reform/>].

The MHIA 2000 and the Housing and Economic Recovery Act's Duty to Serve (DTS) aimed to level the playing field by enforcing preemption and financing access for manufactured housing [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/masthead/loper-brights-light-on-fhfa-fannie-mae-freddie-mac-duty-to-serve-manufactured-housing-and-a-pimple-on-an-elephants-ass-eye-opening-warren-buffett-dts-for-manufactured-homes-w>]. However, production declines and MHI's promotion of bills like the ROAD to Housing Act—lacking preemption language—suggest a failure to enforce these laws [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/double-digit-2023-manufactured-home-production-slide-continues-per-national-manufactured-housing-association-more-new-manufactured-home-living-facts/>]. HUD's \$900,000 McKinsey contract, which omits manufactured housing, raises questions about impartiality [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/2-trillion-dollar-annual-u-s-dilemma-raised-by-nlihc-and-mckinsey-mharr-reports-manufactured-housing-production-growth-june-2025-historic-facts-key-expert-quotes-research-and-mhville-fea/>].

Your point A, that the Wilsonian push toward bureaucracy has failed to solve the housing crisis, holds weight. Decades of federal intervention, including HUD's existence, have not closed the affordability gap, as noted in various analyses [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/fifty-years-of-efforts-to-reduce-regulatory-barriers-pamela-m-blumenthal-hud-office-of-policy-development-and-research-unpacking-5-decades-of-affordable-housing-miscues-i>]. Thomas Sowell's economic critique (point B) supports this, arguing that bureaucracy increases costs—

evidenced by HUD's administrative overhead and subsidies that fail to scale affordability [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/cavco-ceo-william-bill-boor-for-mhi-to-congress-esg-distorts-market-v-roxanne-bland-martin-lavin-follow-the-money-pay-more-attenti/>]. The Loper Bright decision, overturning Chevron deference, may indeed facilitate legal challenges to enforce MHIA 2000 and DTS, shifting power from agencies to courts [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/masthead/loper-brights-light-on-fhfa-fannie-mae-freddie-mac-duty-to-serve-manufactured-housing-and-a-pimple-on-an-elephants-ass-eye-opening-warren-buffett-dts-for-manufactured-homes-w>].

Point C, that manufactured housing's exclusion despite MHIA 2000 is a root cause, is supported by production data and zoning barriers documented by Pew and Harvard JCHS [<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2024/11/20/additional-manufactured-housing-could-benefit-millions-of-us-homebuyers>]. Frank Rolfe's assertion that special interests lack intent to solve the crisis aligns with evidence of NAHB and MHI's consolidator-driven priorities [<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/frank-rolfe-denounces-special-interests-dont-tell-me-we-cant-solve-affordable-housing-truth-is-we-dont-want-to-solve-affordable-housing->]. The simplest solution—enforcing a level playing field via preemption and DTS—remains untested due to non-implementation.

Subsidies, as you note, have not resolved the crisis mathematically, with HUD data showing persistent cost burdens despite voucher programs [<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/assthsg.html>]. Sowell's logic suggests this is inevitable, as administrative costs compound inefficiencies. A gradual subsidy reduction could be pragmatic, but the core fix lies in dismantling barriers to manufactured housing, aligning with the 2000 Reform Law's intent.

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[Public housing can deliver major benefits to the people it serves, not only helping them keep a roof over their heads but also potentially acting as a platform for services that improve other aspects of their lives and contributing to reinvestment and improved conditions in surrounding neighborhoods.](#)

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Grok Sidebar

Analysis of the U.S. Housing Crisis and Manufactured Housing

Background

The U.S. faces a housing shortage estimated at millions of units, worsened by 50 years of regulatory and zoning barriers. HUD recognizes HUD Code manufactured housing as the most affordable housing option, yet its potential is undermined by special interests.

Key Points

- **Regulatory Failure:** Despite the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000) and Duty to Serve (DTS), zoning and financing barriers persist, supported by NAHB's influence on HUD.
- **Bureaucratic Impact:** Thomas Sowell's critique highlights how added bureaucracy increases costs, as seen in HUD's subsidies and administrative overhead.
- **Legal Shift:** The Loper Bright decision may enable enforcement of MHIA 2000 and DTS, addressing non-implementation.
- **Special Interests:** Evidence suggests NAHB and MHI, dominated by consolidators, may prioritize market control over affordability.
- **Solution:** Enforcing preemption and DTS to allow manufactured housing to compete could resolve the crisis, reducing reliance on ineffective subsidies.

Conclusion

The housing crisis stems from suppressed manufactured housing, not a lack of solutions. Enforcing existing laws, not expanding bureaucracy, offers the most logical path forward.



Follow up input/inquiry

Grok, interesting. But to your point: “The simplest solution—enforcing a level playing field via preemption and DTS—remains untested due to non-implementation.” That’s not exactly right, is it? Consider this: <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp->

content/uploads/2024/05/AccessoryDwellingUnitsADUsCaliforniaPermittedConstructedPr
emptionPotentialForManufacturedHousingMHProNewsIllustrationGraphic.jpg and
<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/what-is-an-accessory-dwelling-unit-adu-or-a-detached-accessory-dwelling-unit-dadu-the-role-of-adus-in-easing-americas-housing-crisis-by-emily-hamilton-examined-plus-mhville-market-upd> and
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Also, given that factory production allows builders to scale rapidly, because even less inexperienced or skilled people can be more rapidly be integrated into factory production which has more supervision, inspections, and controls over labor than is possible with site-building, it seems that the evidence would suggest that site builders can't readily scale as quickly as factory builders, including HUD Code manufactured home builders, correct? And the ADU experience proves that preemption works to scale that form of construction, so the same principle applied to manufactured homes provides an evidence-based case study of how federal preemption under the 2000 Reform Law's "enhanced preemption" can work, right? Because manufactured homes in the pre-HUD Code mobile home era achieved over 550,000 homes built a year, and because HUD Code manufactured homes exceeded 373,000 homes produced in 1998, it is logical due to the prudence of indoor production (used in automotive, clothing, appliances, electronics, etc.) to be the most proven way to cost effectively scale production, correct?



You raise valid points that warrant a refined analysis. Let's reassess the statement "The simplest solution—enforcing a level playing field via preemption and DTS—remains untested due to non-implementation" in light of the provided evidence and your additional arguments.

The referenced sources—illustrating California's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) preemption [<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/AccessoryDwellingUnitsADUsCaliforniaPermittedConstructedPremptionPotentialForManufacturedHousingMHProNewsIllustrationGraphic.jpg>], Emily Hamilton's analysis on ADUs easing the housing crisis [<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/what-is-an-accessory-dwelling-unit-adu-or-a-detached-accessory-dwelling-unit-dadu-the-role-of-adus-in-easing-americas-housing-crisis-by-emily-hamilton-examined-plus-mhville-market-upd>], and the discussion on California ADU preemption signaling manufactured housing potential

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Your point about factory production’s scalability is supported by industry evidence. HUD Code manufactured housing benefits from controlled factory environments, where supervision, inspections, and standardized processes allow rapid integration of labor, even with less experienced workers. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) acknowledges that site-built construction faces labor shortages and weather-related delays, limiting scalability [\[https://www.nahb.org/news-and-economics/housing-economics/special-studies\]](https://www.nahb.org/news-and-economics/housing-economics/special-studies). In contrast, historical data shows pre-HUD Code mobile home production peaked at over 550,000 units annually in the 1970s, and HUD Code production hit 373,000 in 1998 [\[https://www.manufacturedhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/MHI-2019-Year-in-Review.pdf\]](https://www.manufacturedhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/MHI-2019-Year-in-Review.pdf). This indoor production model, akin to automotive or appliance manufacturing, leverages economies of scale and quality control, making it a proven method for cost-effective scaling—more so than site-built construction, which relies heavily on variable site conditions and skilled labor availability.

The ADU preemption success indicates that applying MHIA 2000’s enhanced preemption to manufactured housing could similarly overcome zoning and regulatory barriers, unlocking its scaling potential. The Duty to Serve (DTS) by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, mandated under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, further supports this by requiring financing access, yet its non-implementation has limited manufactured housing’s growth [\[https://www.fhfa.gov/PolicyProgramsResearch/Programs/DutyToServe\]](https://www.fhfa.gov/PolicyProgramsResearch/Programs/DutyToServe). Thus, while preemption’s effectiveness is evidenced by ADUs, its full application to manufactured housing remains underutilized, not untested in principle.

Your logic holds: the historical production peaks (550,000+ pre-HUD Code, 373,000 HUD Code) and the ADU precedent suggest that enforcing MHIA 2000 preemption and DTS could restore manufactured housing as a scalable, affordable solution. The statement should be revised to reflect that preemption’s potential is proven in related contexts (e.g.,

ADUs), but its comprehensive enforcement for manufactured housing is still largely untested due to resistance from vested interests like NAHB and partial MHI support.

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Revised Analysis of Housing Crisis Solution

Background

The U.S. housing shortage persists due to regulatory barriers, with manufactured housing as a proven affordable option suppressed by non-implementation of MHIA 2000 and DTS.

Key Points

- **Preemption Evidence:** California’s ADU preemption success (over 24,000 units by 2022) demonstrates federal preemption can scale housing production.
- **Factory Scalability:** HUD Code manufacturing’s historical peaks (373,000 in 1998, 550,000+ pre-HUD Code) and controlled production outperform site-built scalability.
- **Policy Gaps:** MHIA 2000 “enhanced preemption” and DTS remain underutilized, not untested in principle, due to industry resistance.

- **Solution:** Enforcing preemption and DTS can leverage manufactured housing's potential, mirroring ADU outcomes.

Conclusion

ADU preemption proves the concept; applying it to manufactured housing via MHIA 2000 and DTS offers a tested, scalable fix to the housing crisis.