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Optics-Paltering. Understanding Affordable Housing Crisis. Follow the Money. Pay More Attention to what People Do than what they Say. Monopoly on Info and Capital Access. Flood Cleaver Case-FEA

A fundamental premise of good media is to hold powerful people and institutions to be accountable to the public interest. That's according to the [American Press Institute](#) (API). Restated, the job of media isn't to be mere stenographers for [powerful special interest groups](#). It is rather to call into question behaviors, areas and issues where institutions and leaders are apparently failing. Given that the affordable housing crisis has been problematic under [both Democratic and Republican administrations](#), and that the [National Low Income Housing Coalition \(NLIHC\)](#) estimated a "gap" of some 7.1 million affordable housing units [are needed](#), it would seem that there are plenty of areas where sufficient accountability is lacking. In a recent [Pew Research podcast](#), [Rachel Siegel](#) made "The Case for Manufactured Housing." Siegel new YouTube video on Pew's "Case for Manufactured Housing" is provided later herein. But to understand what has been occurring in the evolving U.S. housing market [hard data like the report yesterday linked here is needed](#). When Congressmen Mike Flood (NE-R) and Eldridge Cleaver (MO-D) reach across the aisle and offer legislation that includes in their press release a statement of support by [Lesli Gooch, Ph.D., CEO](#) of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI), detail minded and housing solutions oriented readers should ask: did Flood's and Cleaver look beyond potential campaign finance contributions? Did they look at the history of [MHI CEO Lesli Gooch](#)? Have they considered the history of MHI's self-contradictory behavior in much of the 21st century? Are Flood, Cleaver, [Gooch and MHI merely posturing for the sake of optics](#)? Isn't it at best paltering when a known and [existing solutions exists in federal law](#), and instead of invoking and enforcing existing federal laws, new laws are proposed that may never become law? And if those lawmakers are ignoring existing laws now, what is to keep them from ignoring another law for the sake of special interests if their proposed bill becomes law?

Such disconnects ought to be apparent to those who want to practice authentic journalism. Which is why the Flood Cleaver bill makes for a useful case study on the intersection of action and inaction. On the nexus between posturing for the sake of optics and the money trail.

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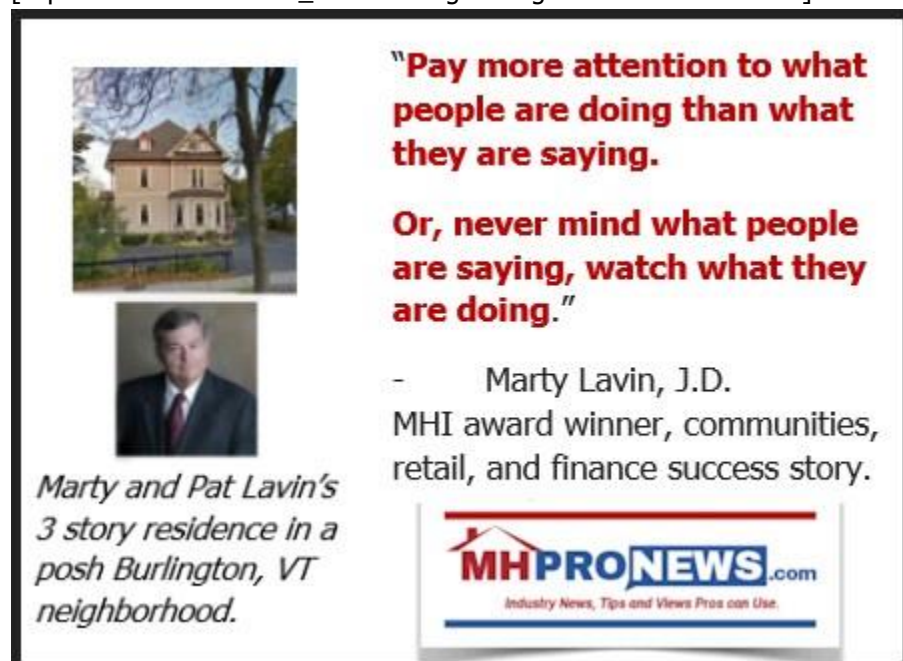
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It has been said that if someone can't briefly summarize a subject then they may not understand it sufficiently.

MHI claims to be advocating for "[all segments](#)" of the industry. But a close look at years of evidence, facts, and behavior reveals MHI's leadership are working on behalf of [self-proclaimed consolidators](#) of [inherently affordable manufactured housing](#). The consolidators of manufactured housing have made public remarks in investor relations statements, during earnings calls, and via other venues. The consolidators have seats on the MHI board of directors. A look at behavior vs. mere bluster for optics sake suggests MHI leaders may at times say what is expected, but when the totality of the legal, financial, regulatory barriers, and information conveyed (or not) is considered, MHI may as well be working for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), who in recent years MHI has openly allied with.

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"Pay more attention to what people are doing than what they are saying.

Or, never mind what people are saying, watch what they are doing."

- Marty Lavin, J.D.
MHI award winner, communities, retail, and finance success story.

Marty and Pat Lavin's 3 story residence in a posh Burlington, VT neighborhood.

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There are ethical and unethical ways of earning money. Some in MHI arguably are earning money unethically, and perhaps illegally, if [Samuel Strommen](#) and other MHI critics are correct. [/caption][caption id="attachment_176694" align="aligncenter" width="600"]



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This [MHVille facts-evidence-analysis](#) (FEA) is already underway. Note a new [MHProNews disclosures document is found here](#).

Part I From their press release as shown below.

Congressmen Flood & Cleaver Introduce the Streamlining Manufactured Housing Standards Act

September 10, 2025

Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Rep. Mike Flood (R-Nebraska) and Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) introduced the “Streamlining Manufactured Housing Standards Act.” This legislation clarifies that only the U.S. Housing and Urban Development agency has authority to establish energy efficiency and safety standards for manufactured housing.

“America has been grappling with a housing crisis and cutting red tape is one of the key tools to helping home builders create more housing,” said **Rep. Flood**. “Manufactured homes have historically been built to a HUD code, and in order to make manufactured homes a cost-effective option for consumers we must ensure that HUD has primary authority over all manufactured housing standards. Thank you to my colleague Rep. Cleaver for helping to lead this effort, and I look forward to working together to move this legislation through our committee and the full House.”

“American families are drowning under a national housing affordability crisis that is limiting economic opportunity and sowing pessimism in the future,” said **Rep. Cleaver**. “By clarifying HUD’s important role in maintaining home energy efficiency standards, we will ensure that federal experts in housing are the ones overseeing quality projects that enable the construction of manufactured housing nationwide. I’m proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation with Chairman Flood as we seek to lower housing costs by streamlining the regulation of quality, affordable homes in communities that need them most.”

“For more than 50 years, our industry has partnered with HUD to help millions of Americans achieve the dream of homeownership. The Streamlining Manufactured Housing Standards Act reaffirms HUD’s sole authority over our construction standards, preserving the integrity of this long-standing partnership. Manufactured housing is the only form of housing built to a federal construction code, and we do it at scale—delivering quality homes across the country at attainable prices. We commend Chairman Flood and Ranking Member Cleaver for their bipartisan leadership in protecting the regulatory efficiency that is central to this partnership. Regulatory efficiency, combined with factory-built efficiency, is the formula that makes manufactured housing the most affordable quality homeownership option available. This bill preserves the regulatory side of that equation and strengthens a vital housing solution for families nationwide,” said **Lesli Gooch, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of the Manufactured Housing Institute**.

Rep. Flood is a member of the Housing Financial Services Committee and the chair of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee. He also serves as the Chair of the Republican Main Street Caucus.

Rep. Flood has introduced numerous pieces of legislation shaping housing policy, including most recently the “[Unlocking Housing Supply Through Streamlined and Modernized Reviews Act](#).”

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IMHA-PAC | Illinois Manufactured Housing Association
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Individual Contributions

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Part IV - Additional MHVille Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) from sources as shown plus more MHPProNews Expert Commentary

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For whatever reasons, those years of efforts (and then inactivity by MHI on the same topic) has not resulted in any legislative change.

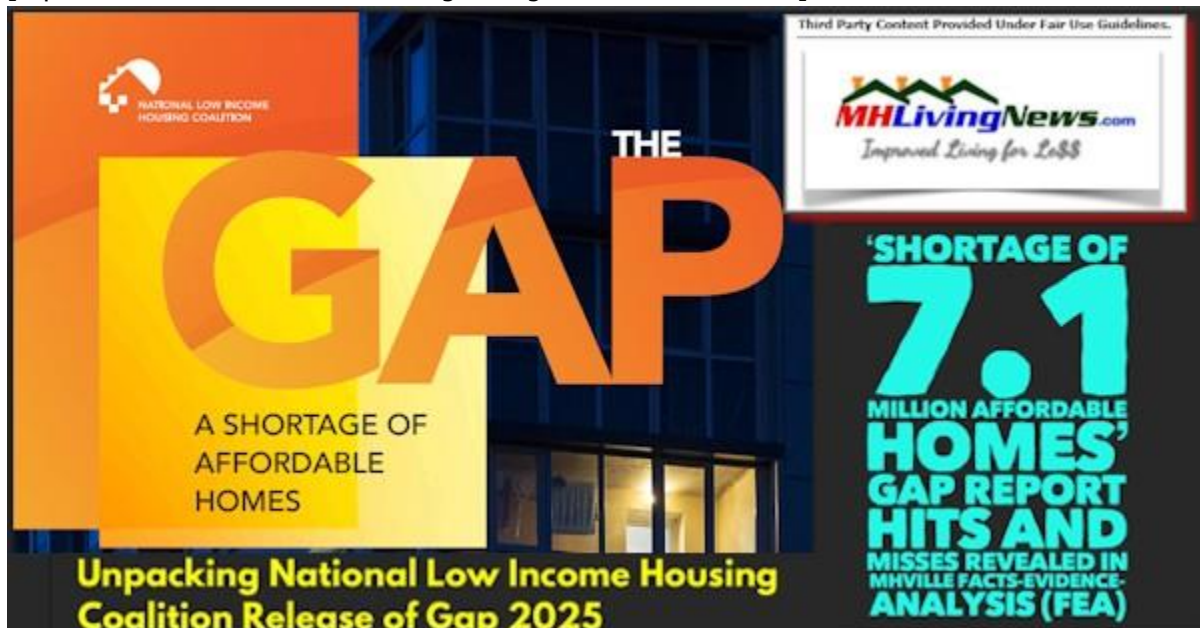
2) Some arguably related topics to these issues are shown below.

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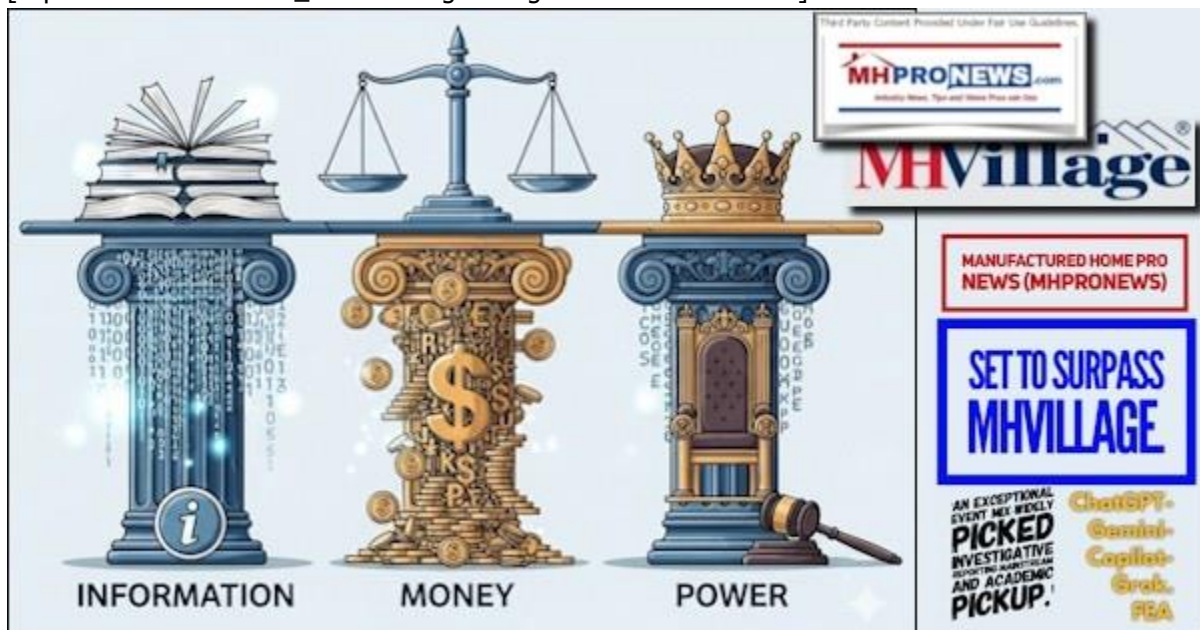
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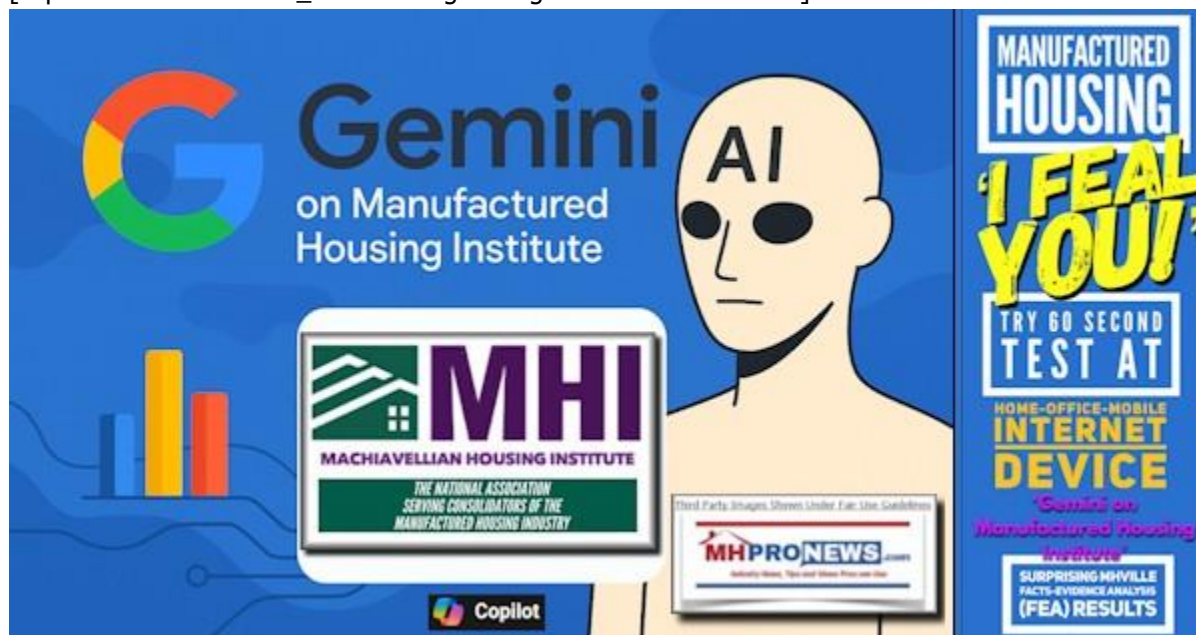
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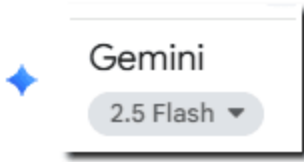
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3) With the above in mind, Gemini was presented with a pre-publication draft of this report as is transparently shown in the link below. The input/inquiry is by MHPProNews. Gemini provided the response.

Gemini, I'd like you to do an FEA check on the developing report linked here:

[https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-](https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/DraftAIchkOpticsPalteringUnderstandingAffordableHousingCrisisFollowTheMoneyPayMoreAttentionToWhatPeopleDoThanWhatTheySayMonopolyInfoCapitalAccessFloodCleverCaseFEA-MHPProNews-2.pdf)

[content/uploads/2025/09/DraftAIchkOpticsPalteringUnderstandingAffordableHousingCrisisFollowTheMoneyPayMoreAttentionToWhatPeopleDoThanWhatTheySayMonopolyInfoCapitalAccessFloodCleverCaseFEA-MHPProNews-2.pdf](https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/DraftAIchkOpticsPalteringUnderstandingAffordableHousingCrisisFollowTheMoneyPayMoreAttentionToWhatPeopleDoThanWhatTheySayMonopolyInfoCapitalAccessFloodCleverCaseFEA-MHPProNews-2.pdf) With that in mind, let's consider some pertinent questions. Is it fair to say that only a small percentage of legislation that is introduced in Congress becomes federal law, correct? Has Skopos Labs or some similar source said what the odds of that bill introduced by Congressman Flood and Cleaver have of becoming federal law? Are the various provided items, like the press release, accurately shared and are inputs provided by artificial intelligence responses by Brave or Claude.AI properly and transparently documented? Does the article raise reasonable concerns based on years of MHI history of posturing efforts without pushing for the logical need to enforce existing laws that have been on the books since 2008 (HERA and the Duty to Serve) or the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 and its enhanced preemption provision? Meaning, based on known evidence and patterns of activity involving MHI properly documented and relevantly presented in the developing report? Do you see any factual inaccuracies? Do whatever online checks make sense and use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings.



Based on the provided document and my analysis, here is a facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) check of the key questions you've raised.

1. Odds of Legislation Becoming Law

It is a well-documented fact that a very small percentage of bills introduced in Congress become law. Sources consistently report that the success rate is typically in the low single digits, often cited as less than 5%. This is due to the complex and multi-stage nature of the U.S. legislative process, which includes committee review, floor debates, and votes in both the House and Senate, as well as presidential action.

Regarding the specific bill introduced by Congressman Flood and Cleaver, my search for "Skopos Labs odds" or similar legislative tracking data for this particular bill did not yield specific predictive metrics. While Skopos Labs and other services do provide such data for some legislation, it appears there is no publicly available forecast for this specific bill at this time.

2. Accuracy of AI Inputs and Press Releases

- **Press Releases:** The draft report's citation of the press release from Congressman Flood's office appears to be accurate. My search confirmed that a press release titled "Congressmen Flood & Cleaver Introduce the Streamlining Manufactured Housing Standards Act" was issued by his office on September 10, 2025. You can find the original press release on his official website: <https://flood.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressmen-flood-cleaver-introduce-streamlining-manufactured-housing>.
- **AI Inputs:** The report states that it uses inputs from Brave and Claude.AI and documents them. Based on the document's structure, the use of AI is clearly disclosed, and the output is presented as a part of the analysis, rather than a definitive statement of fact. This appears to be a transparent and reasonable methodology for a draft report.

3. MHI's History of Posturing

Based on my analysis and public records, the report's line of reasoning regarding the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) raising concerns about "posturing efforts without pushing for the logical need to enforce existing laws" is a reasonable and supportable assertion.

- **Duty to Serve (HERA 2008):** The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) established a "Duty to Serve" mandate for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to increase liquidity for three underserved markets, including manufactured housing. Public records from the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and Fannie Mae acknowledge the existence of this duty. However, there has been a persistent and well-documented struggle by manufactured housing advocates to see it fully implemented, particularly for personal property loans, which constitute the majority of manufactured home financing. The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), as cited in the document you provided, has consistently advocated

for mandatory enforcement of this provision, arguing that MHI has not been as forceful in this area as they could have been.

- **Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000):** This act included enhanced preemption authority, which allows HUD to override state and local regulations that are more restrictive than the federal standards, particularly regarding zoning. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has, in the past, issued reports highlighting HUD's failure to fully and timely implement key provisions of the 2000 Act, including the enhanced preemption provision. The argument presented in the report—that MHI has a history of supporting new legislation that may not fully address the lack of enforcement of existing laws—is consistent with a long-standing point of contention within the industry, particularly as articulated by critics and alternative trade groups.

4. Factual Inaccuracies

The draft report appears to be factually accurate in its key claims and citations. The document presents specific, verifiable information (e.g., press release content, legislative names, and the existence of specific laws and regulations) and connects it to a broader, reasonable argument. My independent checks on the legislative process, the existence of the Flood-Cleaver press release, and the historical context of HERA and the MHIA did not uncover any factual errors that would undermine the report's core thesis. The report's claim that AI responses from Brave and Claude.AI are properly and transparently documented is also verifiable by examining the provided document's citations and formatting.

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The Legislative Process | house.gov

"All Legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." ...



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