



Chat GPT, new topic. Do not conflate prior discussions with this one, unless warranted.

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ManufacturedHousingProductionShipmentsByStateAug2025ManufacturedHomeProductionByYear1995ToYear-to-DateAug2025MultiAexplainMillionsManufacturedHomesNeededFEA.pdf> that is either new data per IBTS as shown combined with 1995-Aug 2025 annual totals on manufactured housing. I want to create an article for tomorrow that will use those items in a way that introduces readers to the realities of the need for more manufactured homes and why there is a pressing need to fix the ROAD to Housing Act 2025 as MHARR has suggested.

<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/manufactured-housing-association-for-regulatory-reform-mharr-submits-amendments-to-address-key-manufactured-housing-bottlenecks-industry-must-act/> It seems to me that too many in mainstream media, or for that matter those involved in public policy, are failing to connect the dots with some simple historic and mathematical realities, is that a fair observation?

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/tanstaafl-socialism-big-government-thomas-sowell-affordable-housing-crisis-protections-against-special-interests-how-to-move-to-solutions-crucial-safeguard-against-future-distortions-mhville-fea/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/unpacking-national-low-income-housing-coalition-release-of-gap-2025-shortage-of-7-1-million-affordable-homes-gap-report-hits-and-misses-revealed-in-mhville-facts-evidence-analysis-f/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/mhi-board-risk-legal-precedent-shows-directors-liable-for-oversights-if-negligence-is-gross-personal-liability-can-pierce-protections-like-do-insurance-civil-crimi/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/insider-selling-champion-homes-sky-zacks-strong-sell-sky-exec-pay-ceo-tim-larson-champion-homes-fail-to-disclose-relevant-investor-info-unpacking-sky-ir-pitch-facts-evidence-analysis/> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/close-no-cigar-speaker-johnson-minority-leader-jeffries-senators-thune-schumer-fix-road-to-housing-act-so-7-million-more-affordable-homes-good-jobs-can-be-created-follow-facts-vs-donors-fea/> First, for the

sake of new readers, based on known facts you can access online, is it fair to say that neither the Manufactured Housing Institute nor any of their new board members have taken any known public action to fix the ROAD to Housing Act 2025 as MHARR has suggested? If that is so, why does that matter? Why should any sincere (as opposed to those posturing for effect) advocates and officials seeking to fix the U.S. affordable housing crisis want to use existing federal laws rather than risk undermining those laws as MHARR has cautioned? Why would MHI 'insider' brands want to limit manufactured housing?

<https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/manufactured-homes-largest-unsubsidized-housing-squeezed-because-fed-state-local-govt-allow-it-npr-affiliate-may-lean-left-but-point-to-facts-road-bill-ignores-will-lawmakers-fix-act/> Is there documentary evidence to support the notion that MHI insider brands want to limit rather than robustly grow the market? Do whatever online checks are warranted, compare them to the items provided, and then drill that down in a way that will make sense to a new reader in let's say 700 words (+/-), noting that your complete answer can be longer (I want the part that introduces this to new readers to make sense to them). Use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings. Whatever you say should be factually accurate and supported by evidence you support with plain text hyperlinks.



Yes — fair enough. Below is a clear, evidence-backed ~700-word article you can run tomorrow. It uses the production/shipments PDF you supplied, cites MHARR's requested ROAD amendments, and explains why the absence of a public push from MHI/major MHI board members for MHARR's fixes matters to officials, advocates, investors, and consumers. Plain-text links are included for every load-bearing claim.

The simple math and the policy gap: why fixing the ROAD to Housing Act matters — now

U.S. housing needs are vast, and manufactured homes are among the most cost-effective ways to fill that gap — if policy and practice stop getting in the way. The data you already published — a new IBTS/industry production and shipments compilation combined with annual totals (1995–Aug 2025) — makes plain how production today is far below what would be required to meaningfully close the nation's affordable-housing shortfall. (See your compiled PDF: <https://www.manufacturedhomeprnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ManufacturedHousingProductionShipmentsByStateAug2025Ma>

[nufacturedHomeProductionByYear1995ToYear-to-DateAug2025MultiAexplainMillionsManufacturedHomesNeededFEA.pdf.\)](#)

MHARR has argued that the ROAD to Housing Act of 2025 — as currently drafted — leaves critical bottlenecks in place and has submitted specific amendments that would force federal enforcement of core, existing statutory tools (notably enhanced federal preemption under the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000) and require the inclusion of manufactured-home personal property loans in the Duty to Serve framework. MHARR's submission and white paper set out those requested fixes and explain how they would remove zoning and financing barriers that have constrained production and placement.

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By contrast, public evidence that the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) or its newly constituted board members have publicly pressed Congress to adopt MHARR's precise amendments is lacking. MHI has publicly supported the ROAD package in general terms (and posts member-only briefings on the bill), but I found no public, traceable campaign from MHI or specific major board firms formally endorsing MHARR's tightening amendments (e.g., public letters to Congress, press campaigns pushing MHARR language, or public PAC filings that name the MHARR fixes). In short: MHARR has submitted a concrete "fix" package, but there is no visible public campaign by MHI or its top members pushing those exact language changes.

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Why that absence matters

1. **Federal tools already exist to break zoning choke-points.** MHARR's amendments largely seek to compel enforcement of existing federal law (enhanced preemption) and to make finance pipelines work better. Using the federal statutes already on the books is faster and less disruptive than drafting entirely new regimes, and it relies on mechanisms Congress has already accepted. That's why many advocates favor enforcement and modest statutory fixes over wholesale re-writing.

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2. **Policy disconnects cost time and houses.** If industry leaders publicly promise growth but do not press for policy fixes that would materially unblock production and placement, the result is lost time and lost homes. The NLIHC/GAP-style estimates of millions of affordable homes needed illustrate how large the gap is — small policy changes can have outsized effects if they unlock production at scale.

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3. **Why use existing federal law rather than “risky” rewrites?** MHARR’s approach is to “compel enforcement” and expand accepted tools (e.g., federal preemption, DTS inclusion). That approach minimizes legal uncertainty, protects consumer safeguards already embedded in statute, and aligns federal and state roles. Advocates skeptical of broad rewrites worry that poorly-crafted new language or transitions could create loopholes that local actors exploit, or that new rules could be delayed in implementation — prolonging the affordability crisis. MHARR’s amendments are therefore framed as practical, targeted fixes.
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Do insider brands want to limit manufactured housing?

There is documentary evidence that some industry dynamics — not always obvious in marketing copy — can align to limit market expansion. A recent reporting thread and mainstream coverage going back months shows trade-group maneuvers and selective support for reform proposals (for example, removal of the “built on a permanent chassis” language has been controversial; MHI at times has withdrawn support for chassis-removal proposals pending further study). That episode suggests some major industry actors weigh the tradeoffs of large regulatory changes and can favor incremental approaches or delay. Such incentives are consistent with consolidation dynamics (larger firms optimizing margins, financing models, or after-market revenues) rather than a pure, rapid-growth play.

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Bottom line for readers and policymakers

Your consolidated IBTS + historical production PDF, MHARR’s amendment package, and the public record together show a clear, actionable path: modest, well-targeted statutory corrections and forceful federal enforcement could meaningfully raise manufactured housing output — but without public, visible pressure from the industry’s largest trade players on those specific fixes, the likelihood of achieving that scale quickly is reduced. That matters for investors, public officials, and especially low- and moderate-income families who need more attainable housing sooner.

Plain-text source links used above:

- Your production/shipments PDF:
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- MHARR amendments & white paper:
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- MHI public material / member post re: ROAD:
<https://www.manufacturedhousing.org/news/mhi-statement-on-the-road-to-housing-act-of-2025/> (member login required) and public MHI press coverage.
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- HUD/IBTS context on manufactured-housing program:
<https://www.ibts.org/manufactured-housing>. [ibts.org](#)
- Vox explainer on chassis rule & trade-group history:
<https://www.vox.com/policy/420254/housing-reform-congress-manufactured-homes-chassis-rule>. [Vox](#)
- NLIHC summary of ROAD: <https://nlihc.org/resource/16-2-road-housing-act-2025>.
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If you want, I'll convert this into the exact 700-word lead (tighter wording) for publication or add a short sidebar of three bullet facts (production shortfall, MHARR fixes, lack of public MHI push) for quick reader takeaway.

Activity

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Thinking

Thinking longer for a better answer

Thinking longer for a better answer

Searching for MHI, MHARR, and Manufactured Housing updates

Considering MHI's actions

I'm thinking about the situation with MHI and MHARR amendments. MHI hasn't publicly pushed for MHARR's specific amendments, though it has a statement supporting ROAD, but that's behind a member login. So, it seems there's no clear public action from MHI or its board members to fix ROAD as MHARR suggested.

Structuring a response on enforcement issues

I need to show how existing laws like MHIA 2000 and HERA 2008 already have tools that could help if enforced. MHARR is pushing for stronger enforcement and DTS inclusion. I'll also explain why consolidation incentives exist: larger firms prefer higher margins and land-lease communities. I'll include citations and a 700-word piece with inline hyperlinks.

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Sources·39

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Industry Must Act

[September 8, 2025 — Sep 8, 2025 — ... Act, ROAD to Housing Act 2025 proposed amendments, \(1\) To compel HUD to fully enforce the enhanced federal preemption of the Manufactured ...](#)

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MHI Statement on the ROAD to Housing Act of 2025

[July 30, 2025 — MHI Statement on the ROAD to Housing Act of 2025. This page is available to MHI members only. If you are already a member, please login.](#)

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16-2 "Road to Housing Act of 2025"

Sep 25, 2025 — The bill includes 40 provisions covering financial literacy, housing supply, homelessness, disaster recovery, rural housing, manufactured ...

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Cutting five words from this law could make houses cheaper

July 21, 2025 — A nearly cost-free and simple reform—removing just five words ("built on a permanent chassis") from a 50-year-old federal law—could significantly increase affordable housing options by making manufactured homes cheaper and more widely accepted. The outdated federal mandate stems from the 1974 Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act and legally requires all manufactured homes to be built on a fixed steel chassis, a vestige of their mobile trailer origins. Though intended as a consumer safety measure, the rule has hindered affordability and design flexibility for decades and allowed local zoning rules to exclude manufactured homes as "mobile," despite being permanently installed. Experts estimate that eliminating the chassis requirement could dramatically expand production capacity in the existing 152 U.S. manufactured home factories, easing the housing shortage, particularly for first-time buyers and seniors downsizing. The effort has long faced mild but persistent political and industry resistance, especially from traditional homebuilders. However, with growing national urgency around housing affordability and bipartisan support now coalescing, advocates are hopeful. Recent state-level zoning reforms, shifts in public perception, and federal-level movement—such as Rep. John Rose’s and Senator Tim Scott’s legislative efforts—signal the potential for long-awaited change. Advocates now push for pragmatic implementation strategies to ensure progress without bureaucratic delays.

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White Paper Analysis of U.S. Senate 'ROAD to Housing Act ...

Aug 15, 2025 — These changes are necessary and essential for mainstream, affordable manufactured housing to help remedy the nation's affordable housing crisis, ...

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Manufactured Housing Production Declines in August ...

Oct 6, 2025 — Just-released statistics indicate that HUD Code manufacturers produced 8,696 new homes in August 2025, an 8.4% decrease from the 9,501 new HUD ...

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MHARR News

Sep 8 2025 · Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) Submits Amendments to Address Key Manufactured Housing Bottlenecks – Industry Must ...

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[Manufactured Home Shipments · Manufactured Housing Production Declines in August 2025 per Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform \(MHARR\).](#)

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Trailer Houses to Mobile Homes to Manufactured ...

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Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform ...

Sep 8, 2025 —  [Is MHI Pushing a Flawed Bill? Yes, based on available evidence. MHI has publicly supported the ROAD Act but has not called for amendments ...](#)

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[Oct 7, 2025 — Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform \(MHARR\) Submits Amendments to Address Key Bottlenecks. MHARR Comments Reveal Key Misses ...](#)



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[MHI Economic Report: Production and Shipments Up in July](#)

[Sep 6, 2025 — Shipments of single-section homes increased 1.5% year-to-date, while multi-section homes saw a stronger gain of 7.9%. Although the seasonally ...](#)



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[Bipartisan Plan Includes Manufactured Housing as a ...](#)

[Apr 7, 2025 — A comprehensive plan that aims to increase the supply of affordable homes, preserve existing affordable housing, and enhance access to housing for families.](#)



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[8688 New HUD Code Homes Shipped in August](#)

[Oct 7, 2025 — FEMA reported no shipments in August, with FY2025 totals at 169 homes. The industry now includes 151 plants and 39 manufacturers. August saw ...](#)

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Manufactured Housing Association (MHARR) Outreach to ...

Sep 22, 2025 — The Washington, D.C. based Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) revealed a direct outreach last week to President ...

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Copilot: 'MHI Pushing Flawed Bill' Silence on MHARR's ...

Sep 9, 2025 — Copilot: 'MHI Pushing Flawed Bill' Silence on MHARR's Critique Suggests Strategic Avoidance or Tacit Endorsement of ROAD to Housing Act 2025 ...

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Oct 9, 2025 — “Today, the Senate took a historic step towards addressing our nation's worsening housing crisis and bringing down costs for the American people ...



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Jul 25, 2025 — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE The ROAD to Housing Act of 2025 is the result of months of collaboration between Republican and Democrat committee staff, ...



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