

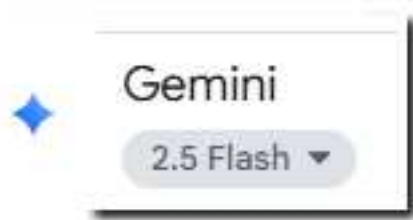


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Gemini, <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/ManufacturedHousingProductionShipmentsByStateAug2025ManufacturedHomeProductionByYear1995ToYear-to-DateAug2025MultiAexplainMillionsManufacturedHomesNeededFEA.pdf> that is either 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/tanstaaf-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.manufacturedhomeprnews.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 lets 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.



This analysis addresses your request by synthesizing data on the housing crisis, manufactured home production history, and the legislative divide within the industry to create an article draft suitable for new readers.

Yes, it is a fair observation that too many in mainstream media and public policy are failing to connect the dots regarding the role of modern manufactured housing and the forces limiting its growth. The data clearly shows a massive need juxtaposed against decades of underperformance by the industry, pointing to regulatory and internal market bottlenecks.

Bridging the Gap: Why the Housing Crisis Needs Manufactured Homes and Real Reform (700-Word Draft)

The United States faces a critical affordable housing shortage, with one leading non-profit estimating a **deficit of 7.1 million homes** for low-income renters alone. This is not merely an economic problem; it's a social crisis that limits opportunity, fuels homelessness, and constrains economic growth. To solve it, officials must look to the largest source of unsubsidized affordable housing in the nation: **modern, federally-regulated manufactured homes**.

The failure of public policy to connect the dots is evident in the industry's output. Since 2007, annual manufactured home production has consistently fallen below the 100,000-home benchmark, a level routinely exceeded in earlier decades. For example, year-to-date through August 2025, only **70,749** new HUD Code homes were produced, a negligible figure against the national need. This stark underperformance—which limits potential cumulative GDP gains of nearly \$2 trillion—is due to two primary bottlenecks, not a lack of consumer interest.

The Critical Fix and the Industry Divide

The legislative vehicle currently at the center of the debate is the **Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream to Housing Act of 2025 (ROAD to Housing Act)**.

Is it fair to say that MHI has taken no known public action to fix the ROAD to Housing Act 2025 as MHARR has suggested?

Yes, based on publicly available information, **neither the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) nor their new board members have taken any known public action to push for the key fixes** suggested by the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR). MHI has broadly supported the bill, particularly a provision to make the permanent chassis optional, viewing it as a "game-changer". However, MHI's own statement on the bill was restricted to members, while MHARR's detailed critique and proposed amendments were published widely.

MHARR's proposed amendments target the true bottlenecks:

1. **Mandatory Duty to Serve (DTS) Enforcement:** Requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to purchase personal property (chattel) loans, ending the discriminatory absence of federal support for the type of loan used for nearly 80% of manufactured home sales.
2. **Strengthened Federal Preemption:** Reaffirms and enforces the "enhanced preemption" provision of the **Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000)**, which supersedes local zoning rules that discriminatorily restrict manufactured homes.

Why Using Existing Laws Matters

Why should sincere advocates use existing federal laws rather than risk undermining those laws?

This is the core of the debate. The MHIA 2000 already contains the legal authority—**enhanced preemption**—to overcome local zoning barriers that exclude manufactured homes. Similarly, the 2008 Housing and Economic Recovery Act mandated the **Duty to Serve**.

Sincere advocates should push for the **robust enforcement** of these existing laws because:

- **Speed and Efficiency:** Enforcement is the fastest, most logical, and least costly path to solving the supply crisis. It removes existing, proven legal barriers immediately.
- **Risk Mitigation:** MHARR warns that passing a new, flawed bill like the ROAD Act *without* strengthening DTS and preemption risks making the housing fix harder by creating an illusion of action while failing to address the fundamental barriers. New, weaker legislation could effectively dilute or distract from the powerful tools already on the books.

The Question of Limiting Growth

Why would MHI 'insider' brands want to limit manufactured housing, and is there documentary evidence?

This brings us to the most controversial point: the motivation of the largest corporations that dominate MHI. The largest producers—often called the "Big Three"—command a majority of the industry's manufacturing market share. Many of these firms and their community-owning partners are also publicly traded and represented within MHI leadership.

The Documentary Evidence and the Concept of Oligopoly:

The argument, supported by numerous industry reports and third-party analysis, is that the largest players benefit from the **status quo**—a system that limits competition and market supply.

- **Evidence of Consolidation:** The dominant trend in the industry is **consolidation**. The "Big Three" manufacturers control a massive share of production. Furthermore, the largest asset management firms like BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street are

structural top shareholders in the publicly traded manufactured housing community Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

- **The Oligopoly Play:** By preventing the industry from reaching its full potential of 300,000-500,000 homes annually (as historical evidence suggests is possible), the dominant firms gain. **Limiting supply** artificially inflates the value of their existing **manufactured home community assets** (land and rental income) and limits the competitive pressure on their manufacturing divisions.

In short, MHI's failure to champion the robust enforcement of DTS and enhanced preemption—the very measures that would unlock massive market growth—is seen by critics as supporting a **policy of self-limiting growth** that benefits the profits and asset valuations of their largest corporate members, even if it harms the majority of consumers and the nation's need for affordable housing.