Pre-publication draft for third-party artificial intelligence (AI) facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) check of the developing report for MHProNews as shown below.

'Extreme Shortage Low-Income Housing' 'Manufactured Homes Important' CBS News Spotlight Rent Control. Are Democratic Lawmaker 'Solution' a Tourniquet to Slow Bleeding or an Authentic Fix? FEA



"When my lot rent goes up, I can't just leave, it's not that simple. My home isn't truly mobile," [manufactured home community resident Sammi] Silver said. "It costs thousands of dollars to move, and most parks won't even take a house over five years old." Multiple times a year there are mainstream news articles that deal with the issue of some form of rent control for land-lease communities in this or that state or local jurisdiction. Sometimes bills at the national level make mainstream news. Whether a bill passes into law or not, one result is a steady stream of media coverage that largely is a problematic reflection on the HUD Code manufactured home industry. As Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) linked Darren Krolewski said (reported by MHProNews and MHLivingNews, but what about others?) "I think one of the challenges we have as an industry is that there is not enough positive news about manufactured housing to counter the negative." While Krolewski cited other examples, he specifically named "unreasonable rent increases" in land lease communities, there may be more subtle impacts from this pattern, which in this specific instance reported by <u>left</u>-leaning CBS News (see Part I for the opening quote in context) is pending legislation in Minnesota (see Part II). As MHProNews has frequently noted, the behavior that is attracting this negative attention from unhappy

residents, by lawmakers, nonprofits beyond MHI, other affordable housing advocates and mainstream media curiously does not seem to keep MHI and/or MHI linked state associations from passing out awards or failing to enforce the MHI/National Community Council (NCC) so-called Code of Ethical Conduct by those credibly accused of 'predatory' or even illegal behavior.

But there is more to know, because in Maine, a new law there is reported by another CBS News outlet to be having the "opposite" of its intended effect. See that in Part III.

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Part I. From <u>CBS News at this link here</u> and provided under <u>fair use guidelines</u> for media

<u>MHProNews</u> notes that while the report that follows has useful information, it is lacking key details. More on those oversights/omissions are found in Part II and Part III

Manufactured home park residents fighting for bill of rights in Minnesota

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Jason Rantala

Updated on: October 30, 2025 / 5:29 PM CDT / CBS Minnesota

Minnesota manufactured home park residents and lawmakers are speaking out against what they say are skyrocketing rents and unsafe living conditions. At the Minnesota State Capitol Thursday, they placed the blame on out-of-state private equity firms that have been purchasing these communities in recent years. State Sen. Liz Boldon and state Rep. Matt Norris, both Democrats, were authors of companion bills, introduced earlier this year, that would cap annual lot rent increases to 3% and give residents a chance to purchase the lot they live on. I had to go back to work after 30 years of hard work at UPS to afford my lot rent now, said Gwen Elliott, who lives in a manufactured home park in Blaine. Sammi Silver, who lives in a Lake Elmo community, said her rent went up more than 40% in the past five years.

"When my lot rent goes up, I can't just leave, it's not that simple. My home isn't truly mobile," Silver said. "It costs thousands of dollars to move, and most parks won't even take a house over five years old."

The lawmakers behind the bill for manufactured home park residents hope it gains some traction after getting stuck in committees last session.

Over the next several weeks, hundreds of manufactured home park residents will be holding forums with lawmakers in at least 10 districts across the state.

Part II. From sources as shown about Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) legislation pending in MN, which is the focus of the report by CBS News in Part I.

1) To explain why Democrats are known as the DFL in MN is the following.

The Democratic Party is called the DFL in Minnesota because in 1944, the state's <u>Democratic Party</u> merged with the <u>Farmer-Labor Party</u>, creating the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party. This new party combined the Minnesota branches of both organizations, and the DFL continues to operate as the state's Democratic Party today.

- 2) HF 2381 Status in the House 94th Legislature (2025 MN Revisor's Office)
- 3) SF 2691 Status in the Senate 94th Legislature
- 4) Per the MN Senate 1 pager.

Manufactured Home Park Resident

Bill of Rights (HF 2381, SF 2691)

PROBLEM:

The nation is facing an extreme shortage of low-income housing and Minnesota is no exception. Manufactured homes are an important source of affordable housing and fill an important need in the overall housing market. Manufactured homes provide housing to nearly 180,000 Minnesotans, almost all of whom are classified as low or very low income.

That's why this legislation and the protections it provides these residents is so important.

SOLUTION:

Limiting Rent Increases and Late Fees

Frequently, lot rent increases at excessive rates of 10% or more, leaving people who live on fixed or low incomes in financial crisis. This bill adds clarity to the existing requirement in state law for "reasonable" rent increases by explicitly limiting rent increases to 3% annually, putting lot rent increases consistent with standard cost-of-living adjustments. It also tackles excessive late fees by limiting the fees to 8% of late rent payments.

Opportunity to Purchase

A major aspect of this bill grants tenants the opportunity to purchase (OTP). This ensures that homeowners have an opportunity to purchase the land beneath their homes when their communities are for sale. OTP balances the property rights of the homeowners and the community owners creating a balanced system that benefits all parties.

Improved Protections

By strengthening resident rights and protections, this legislation evens the playing field so residents can't be taken advantage of by predatory owners. Some of the improved protections include:

- creating a pathway to make community owners pay for damages and costs they cause,
- requiring community owners provide clear billing for services provided,
- instructing community owners to offer varied payment methods other than digital,
- holding community owners accountable for timely removal of dangerous trees,
- ensuring community owners pay for utility repairs and allowing residents to give access to the park to utility providers.



~180,000

Minnesotans live in the state's ~800 manufactured (mobile) home communities. 90%

of Minnesotans who live in an MHC own their home and rent the land their home sits on. Over

in costs to move manufactured homes. At least 90%

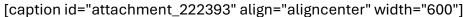
of parks sold in Minnesota were sold to out-of-state real estate investment trusts or private equity firms in 2024.





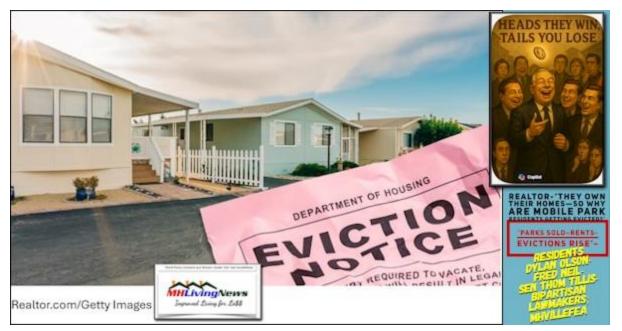
5) MHProNews notes that this legislative '1 Pager' fails to address the supply side of the problem. It also fails to address what occurred in Maine when a 'rent control' law was enacted there. Once passed, community operators quickly moved to increase site fees, as CBS 13 wgme.com reported. So, instead of slowing site fee hikes, it accelerated them as community operators reportedly moved to 'get ahead' of that law before it went into effect.

MHProNews and MHLivingNews have reported for years our multiple third-party validated FEA supported editorial stance that a mix of vigorous existing law enforcement is necessary to deal with predatory operators plus bringing new supply and access to more resident-owned sites.





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Fred Neil, over 20 year manufactured homeowner and resident in a land lease community operated by MHI member RHP Properties.

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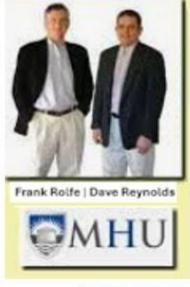
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"One of the big drivers to making money is the ability to increase the rent. If we didn't have them hostage, if they weren't stuck in those homes in the mobile home lots, it would be a whole different picture."

Frank Rolfe, Mobile Home University (MHU).





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Law to protect Maine mobile home residents may be having opposite effect

by Brad Rogers, WGME

Wed, August 27, 2025 at 11:24 PM

Updated Thu, August 28, 2025 at 5:52 AM

ARUNDEL (WGME) -- New state laws in Maine, aimed at protecting mobile home park residents from high rent increases, are now having the opposite effect.

A state lawmaker says they're seeing unusually high rent increases at as many as one third of Maine's mobile home parks, including two more in York County.

Lisa Perry's monthly rent is going up to \$660 at Shady Oaks in Arundel.

"I just about fell over," Perry said.

The California company that bought Shady Oaks in Arundel, Blue Haven in Saco and other mobile home parks is raising lot rents for a second time this year.

"We just got this letter saying we're going to \$660 a month. That's insane," resident Dave Johnson said.

That's rent for the land under the mobile homes. Johnson says like him, most people living at Shady Oaks are retired and on fixed incomes. Many have a disability.

"They don't have ways of getting extra money to cover this," Johnson said. "These people that own the park now, they're just greedy. And they just want more and more and more. And it's not right."

 Also read: Waterville City Council votes to freeze mobile home lot rent increases

"The landlords can do whatever they want here," State Representative Cassie Julia said.

Maine lawmakers say they passed laws to try to prevent rent gouging from displacing people in mobile home parks. They say it feels like owners are using the laws as an excuse to raise rents, when in fact there is no state rent control law.

Greg Payne, the Governor's Senior Adviser for Housing Policy, says rent control was taken out of the bill.

"Rent control did not pass. So, there should not be any reason why lot rents have to be increased in large numbers," Payne said.

Julia did sponsor a new law to develop a rent stabilization ordinance for communities seeing abnormally high rent increases.

 Also read: Rent hikes hit Maine mobile home parks before new state protection takes effect

"There's nothing in my bill that would necessitate raising rents right now," Julia said.

Some mobile home park owners disagree.

The owner of Cole Brown Estates, who just raised lot rents from \$175 a month to \$800, says these laws are a form of rent control, including mediation, now required by law, that could cost him several thousand dollars. The state is now reaching out to the owners of manufactured housing communities to make sure they understand the laws that passed.

"We're just trying to clear up that misunderstanding, and yes, hopefully roll back some of these increases," Payne said.

Back at Shady Oaks, Perry and her neighbor, Muriel Nemet, say they were given no reason for the rent hike.

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 state law for \$150 rent hike

"I could see going up \$20, \$30 a month. But an extra \$100? That's a lot. Seems like it goes up every year," Nemet said.

The California owners again did not return our calls. Waterville and other Maine communities are now looking to pass a moratorium on rent increases in mobile home parks.

Part IV. Additional information from sources as shown with more MHProNews Manufactured Home Industry Expert Commentary

1) MHProNews notes that the MHI-NCC Code of Ethical Conduct is <u>linked here</u>. A special report on that document and how MHI is applying, or failing to apply, its self-proclaimed standards is planned for the near term. Until then, from their document <u>linked here</u> note the following.

Members agree to engage in conduct and actions that promote and enhance the public image of manufactured housing and land lease manufactured housing communities.

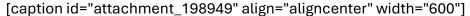
Members agree to promote positive customer and resident relations as an essential responsibility.

Members agree to engage in conduct that respects the interests of customers, residents, vendors, and the general public regarding the manufactured housing industry and manufactured housing community lifestyle.

Members agree to conduct themselves in a professional, courteous, and considerate manner in communications and interaction with other members, residents, vendors, and the general public.

The balance of that document retrieved today is <u>linked here</u>.

2) Multiple peers of UMH Properties led Sam Landy, J.D., have been hit with evidence-based allegations of predatory behavior, antitrust, failure to properly maintain, and other legal claims. Landy, in stark contrast, has focused on keeping site fee hikes lower, resident relations more positive, and has publicly called for tripling the number of communities in the U.S. Landy recently took to HousingWire to amplify parts of his message. Without naming either MHI or MHARR, Landy all but called for MHARR's amendments to be added to the ROAD to Housing Act 2025. As his reward for exercising his right to free speech, fellow MHI member Frank Rolfe called Landy's pro-resident, pro-growth plan "arsine" Rolfe - along with others in the MHI orbit - has been an advocate for thwarting development of manufactured home communities. Their focus is self-declared consolidation of a 'fragmented' industry. Note that MN's one-pager pointed out that some 90 percent of acquisitions in that state are reportedly by consolidators.





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Consolidation Opportunity Drives External Growth



Extensive Industry Relationships and Network

Source Off-Market Acquisitions

Expansion into New Markets

Continued Consolidation in Existing Footprint Proprietary Acquisition Pipeline through Empower Access to Public Capital Markets Provides a Competitive Advantage

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Expand Portfolio Footprint and Lead Consolidation of Fragmented Industry

Consolidation and fragmentation are not dirty words per se. That noted, as antitrust related issues continue to rise among public officials and policy advocates, questions about the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) - which Flagship boasts Nathan Smith was a prior chairman of what certain lawmakers, regulators - including attorney generals (AGs) have called 'predatory practices' - are more possible red flags. See the balance of this report on MHProNews along with related linked reports.

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Dave Reynolds | Frank Rolfe

"Sure, it sounds unfair. But there's nothing illegal about it." (Note: the accuracy of that statement is debatable, but it is an accurate quotation).

"If you like having a monopoly, holding all the cards, knowing the tenants won't move their homes out, never worrying about someone

building a new property near you and taking one of the tenant's biggest assets if they default, then you're going to love mobile home parks."

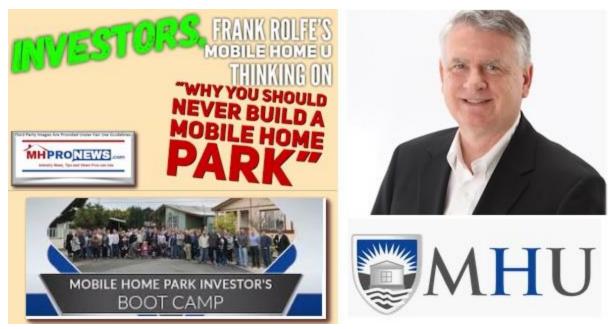
 \sim Frank Rolfe, partner of Dave Reynolds, MHI/NCC member and business, and associated in various business deals with several Berkshire Hathaway owned brands. Rolfe and Reynolds are self-declared and apparent partners in Impact Communities, RV Horizons, Mobile Home Univ, the Mobile Home Park Store, etc.

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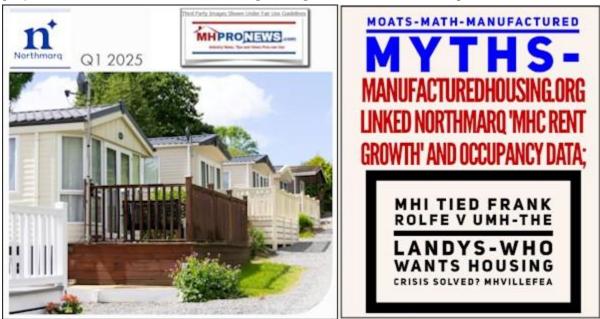
"If you like having a monopoly, holding all the cards, knowing the tenants won't move their homes out, never worrying about someone building a new property near you and taking one of the tenant's biggest assets if they default, then you're going to love mobile home parks." Since MHProNews/MHLivingNews created this quote graphic, multiple national antitrust suits were launched on behalf of residents in 2023 which included several MHI member firms as defendants. See also the report

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of these three firms and the one before are 'key' MHI members. Frank Rolfe and his partner have several clear ties to Clayton Homes and MHI. They openly touted monopolistic advantages. Where are the antitrust investigators? [/caption][caption id="attachment_214134" align="aligncenter" width="586"]



"Spending time with our community customers is among my many highlights of the last 50 days. We are growing with our community customers and are committed to supporting

their mission and goals."

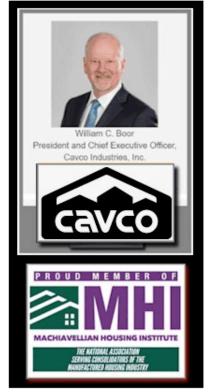
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<u>Cavco Industries</u> (CVCO) <u>William "Bill" Boor</u> during an earnings call found at this <u>link here</u>, said the following about the legislation moving in Congress.



"If I had a disappointment when I read it and talked to folks about it, it's that Congress is trying to provide some support and funding for community preservation and community development in general, but they tend to be a little bit discriminatory in the ownership of those communities. And so they're very focused on this idea of resident-owned communities. In the right situation, that can be a good solution. Sometimes they aren't everything that the name kind of implies and sometimes they're really not working out well. And so the fact that Congress continued in this bill to kind of leave the very successful for profit community ownership model out was a little bit concerning.

So probably giving you more than you want. I feel like in total, it's a very good step forward. It reflects a lot of the lobbying we've done in D.C. to

try to get manufactured housing more part of the conversation. I feel like we're really having some success with it."

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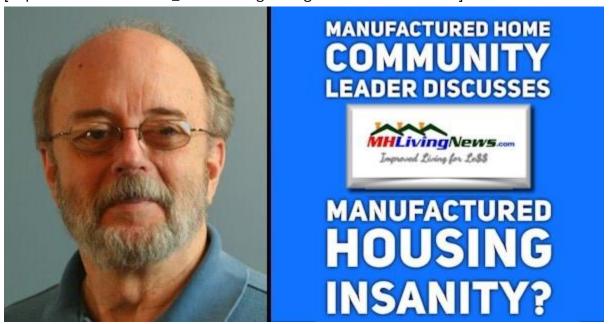


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MHI senior staff and several corporate leaders have demonstrably weighed in to defend the perpetrators of very predatory practices that cause the pushback for manufactured housing that now ELS owned units Datacomp-MHVillage-MHInsider that company leader Krolewski that frame the context for his preface-cited remark: "I think one of the <a href="Challenges we have as an industry is that there is not enough positive news about manufactured housing to counter the negative." Krolewski cited other examples, he Specifically named "unreasonable rent increases" in land lease communities. But beyond the periodic fig leaf like their Code of Ethical Conduct does MHI, MHInsider, or others that operate in that orbit that claim to be trade media spotlight these facts or issues?

To answer that, let's see what third-party AI has to say about these issues and concerns.

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