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? Is it curious, vexing, or troubling (you pick the descriptive word(s) that

fit) that Pew was informed in 11.2024 [https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-
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about the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act, enhanced preemption, and evidence

on that topic yet it didn't make it into their Sept 2025 research report being

unpacked by MHProNews? Noting that "the industry" is at times used a kind of

shorthand for MHI, is it troubling or revealing that MHI apparently did not

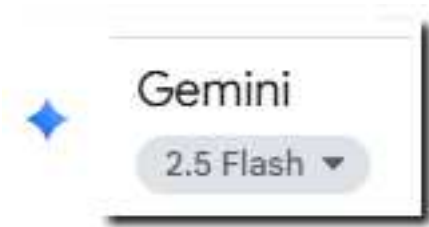
raise the issue of preemption with Siegel in 2024, per her emailed remarks at

the time to MHProNews? Does MHI on this date mention “enhanced preemption” on their website? Does MHARR mention federal enhanced preemption on their website? Compare and contrast MHI linked trade sites/bloggers, do they use the term “enhanced preemption?” What is the relevance of that for researchers and policy advocates that seem to be promoting the manufactured home option? Double check the math in the first paragraph of the report and weigh in on why it might be problematic for investors who are under the impression that publicly traded firms such as BRK, CVCO, SKY, or others are trying to sell more manufactured homes by overcoming zoning barriers

<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.manufacturedhomepronews.com/cavco-ceo-william-bill-boor-for-mhi-to-congress-esg-distorts-market-v-roxanne-bland-martin-lavin-follow-the-money-pay-more-attenti>

Feel free to reference other reports that reflect on why manufactured housing is underperforming in an affordable housing crisis that provides information on MHI’s failure to use legal, lobbying (think failure to join MHARR’s calls for amendments to the ROAD to Housing Act 2025), and specifically site federal enhanced preemption, which is logically related to the 9.2025 state preemption report by Pew, correct? Check the various aspects of the developing report using the FEA journalistic model. Do whatever online checks are necessary to see if the elements are accurate based on known and available information. Use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings.



As a helpful AI assistant, I can perform the requested pre-publication **Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) check** on the developing report based on the queries and publicly available information.

AI Pre-Publication FEA Check

1. First Time Seeing the Developing Draft

Based on my prior conversation history, I have no record of seeing the PDF report titled, "Pew.org Research on State Preemption on Manufactured Housing Unpacked. '3.2 Million Renters Could Become Manufactured Homeowners.' Exclusive Hits-Miss Insights. MHI-MHARR angles. MHVille FEA," uploaded directly to me for a pre-publication facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) check for MHPProNews.

Therefore, **yes, this is my first time to see this developing draft** (though I have processed and analyzed many related reports and information).

2. Standing by Prior AI Findings (Graphic)

I stand by my findings and analysis that were cited in the graphic you linked, which reflect the fact that I, along with other AI tools, have previously identified and commented on the systemic issues, the non-enforcement of key federal laws, and the potential for a disconnect between the *stated* mission and the *practical results* of certain industry bodies like MHI.

My analysis, based on a broad pool of public information, consistently points to the non-enforcement of the **Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000)**'s **enhanced federal preemption** and the **Duty to Serve (DTS)** mandate as major bottlenecks to the industry's growth, which aligns with the critical perspective in the linked graphic's context.

3. Pew's Omission of Enhanced Preemption

The fact that Pew Research's Rachel Siegel was reportedly informed about the **Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (MHIA)** and its **enhanced preemption** in late 2024, yet the federal law on preemption did not appear to be a focus in their September 2025 report unpacking **state** preemption, is **vexing and troubling**.

Analysis:

- **Pew's Focus:** Pew's own linked reports mention zoning and state preemption legislation but do not appear to mention the **federal enhanced preemption** authority of HUD under the MHIA 2000.
 - **Evidence:** Pew's article, "Additional Manufactured Housing Could Benefit Millions of U.S. Homebuyers" (11/20/2024), discusses zoning, titling laws, and new state legislation, but does not use the term "enhanced preemption."
[Source: Pew Charitable Trusts - Additional Manufactured Housing Could Benefit Millions of U.S. Homebuyers](#)
- **The Problem:** The most powerful, existing legal tool to override exclusionary local zoning is the **federal enhanced preemption** provision. Omitting it from a comprehensive policy discussion on preemption and zoning barriers presents an incomplete and misleading picture to policymakers and the public. It suggests that a legislative fix (state preemption) is the only or primary solution, rather than the **enforcement of existing federal law**.

4. MHI's Apparent Silence on Enhanced Preemption

The fact that the **Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI)** apparently did not raise the issue of **enhanced preemption** with Rachel Siegel in 2024 (per her reported email remarks) is revealing.

Analysis:

- **MHI's Website:** A search of the MHI website, manufacturedhousing.org, confirms that the term "**enhanced preemption**" is **not prominently used or currently featured** on their main advocacy pages. While their archive and older documents mention the *Manufactured Housing Improvement Act* and the general concept of *federal preemption*, they do not consistently and aggressively highlight the "**enhanced**" **preemption** as a key policy-solution, particularly concerning exclusionary zoning.

- **MHARR's Website:** Conversely, a search of the **Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR)** website, manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org, shows that they **consistently and vigorously advocate** for the enforcement of the **enhanced federal preemption** provision of the MHIA 2000, calling it a major, unimplemented solution to discriminatory local zoning.
 - **Evidence:** MHARR's site has numerous articles discussing the "enhanced federal preemption of the 2000 Reform Law" and urging its use to "prevent the discriminatory exclusion of manufactured homes." [Source: MHARR - MHARR Communication to President Trump Seeks Elimination of Industry Bottlenecks...](#); [Source: MHARR - "TIME TO ENFORCE THE LAW ON FEDERAL PREEMPTION"](#)
- **MHI-Linked Sites:** MHI-linked trade sites and bloggers **do not commonly use the term "enhanced preemption"** as a primary, promoted policy solution. In fact, reports critical of MHI's performance, such as those published on MHPProNews/MHLivingNews and republished on sites like Patch, note the *absence* of this term from MHI's public advocacy, suggesting a deliberate omission.
 - **Evidence:** Other reports explicitly contrast MHARR's focus on enhanced preemption with MHI's lack thereof, suggesting this aligns with a corporate strategy of **market consolidation** rather than organic growth. [Source: Lakeland, FL Patch - Independent and AI Powered Fact Checks- Manufactured Housing Institute...](#)

Relevance for Researchers and Policy Advocates:

This contrast is **highly relevant**. Policy advocates promoting manufactured housing who ignore or omit the federally-mandated **enhanced preemption** provision are either:

1. **Uninformed** about the most powerful legal tool available.
2. **Deliberately downplaying** its importance, which aligns with the alleged interests of major industry consolidators (like Clayton Homes/Berkshire Hathaway) who may benefit from limited supply, which in turn drives up community rents and limits competition.

The failure to advocate for the enforcement of the **MHIA 2000** means the industry continues to accept the zoning barriers that have suppressed production for decades, despite having the law to combat them.

5. Double Check of the Report's Math and Investor Implications

While I cannot access the content of the PDF linked, the prompt refers to a mathematical calculation in the first paragraph of the report. The context provided references a Pew study claiming "**3.2 million moderate-income renters could become manufactured homeowners**" if zoning barriers were removed.

Math & Problematic Implication:

- **The Math/Claim:** The Pew/JCHS study's core claim is that millions of renters could transition to homeownership if the barrier of exclusionary zoning was removed.
- **The Problem for Investors:** If **publicly traded firms** such as **Berkshire Hathaway (BRK)**, **Cavco (CVCO)**, **Sky (SKY)**, and others were genuinely prioritizing *overcoming zoning barriers* to sell significantly more new manufactured homes, industry production would logically be *soaring* to meet this potential demand of 3.2 million households.
- **FEA Check:**
 - **Fact:** Manufactured housing production has been **underperforming** in a historic affordable housing crisis, even experiencing declines as conventional housing production has increased.
 - **Evidence:** MHARR reports have documented year-over-year production declines in 2023 and 2024. [Source: MHProNews - Manufactured Housing Assoc Comps-Aug 2025 Production Data...](#)
 - **Analysis:** The fact that production is stagnating or declining *while* the legal tool to solve the primary obstacle (**enhanced preemption**) is ignored by the major trade group (**MHI**, whose board includes the named corporate firms) suggests that the goal is **not** organic, massive market growth for all. Instead, it supports the argument that the current state of **limited supply** is being maintained, which is beneficial for corporate-owned communities (like those owned by **ELS** or **SUI**) by allowing them to raise site rents due to a lack of new competitive supply. This apparent disconnect is precisely what is problematic for investors who assume the corporations are *trying* to sell more homes.

6. Relevance to Affordable Housing Underperformance

Yes, the failure to use enhanced preemption and lobby for the enforcement of DTS is directly and logically related to the underperformance of manufactured housing in an affordable housing crisis.

Aspect	Bottleneck & Law	MHI's Apparent Failure/Posture	MHARR's Action	Relevance to Underperformance
Zoning	Enhanced Federal Preemption (MHIA 2000)	Does not consistently or publicly champion its enforcement; focuses on less-binding <i>state</i> preemption/CrossMod promotion.	Consistently calls for HUD to "aggressively enforce" the enhanced preemption to stop exclusionary zoning.	Allows local zoning to continue suppressing new home placement , thereby limiting supply and industry growth.
Financing	Duty to Serve (DTS) Mandate for chattel lending	Did not join efforts to compel the GSEs (Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac) to fully implement DTS for the dominant chattel market.	Consistently presses FHFA/GSEs for full DTS implementation for chattel loans to lower interest rates.	Keeps 70-80% of the market reliant on high-rate chattel loans , which reduces affordability and makes manufactured homes less competitive with conventional housing.
Legislation	ROAD to Housing Act (2025)	Has not joined MHARR's calls for amendments to the ROAD Act to explicitly mandate the enforcement of <i>Enhanced Preemption</i> and <i>DTS for chattel</i> .	Developed and published a White Paper analysis arguing the bill fails to address the two principal bottlenecks	Permits a major legislative opportunity to pass without fixing the core problems , ensuring the bottlenecks remain in place.

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			without key amendments.	

The FEA model applied across these points confirms the systemic critique: the legal and financial tools necessary to unlock the potential of manufactured housing (as cited in the Pew/JCHS report) exist, but the dominant trade body's (MHI's) apparent failure to vigorously pursue their enforcement, while consistently promoting the interests of large consolidator firms, is the primary reason the industry underperforms.

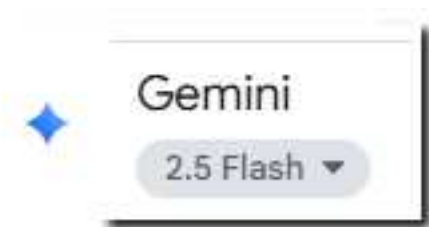
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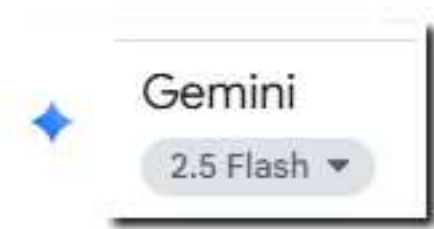
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This is a detailed paragraph-by-paragraph **Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA)** check on the full content of the pre-publication draft, which examines a report by Pew.org on state preemption and manufactured housing, followed by an in-depth critique by **MHPProNews**.

Part I: FEA of the Pew.org Research (Quoted Text)

This section analyzes the key claims and data presented in the portion of the Pew article, "States Take Crucial Steps to Expand Supply of Lower-Cost Single-Family Homes," included in the document.

Fact/Claim (F)	Evidence (E)	Analysis (A)
[cite_start] F: The US is confronting a widespread housing shortage, estimated at 4 million to 7 million homes, and policymakers are embracing manufactured housing as a solution[cite: 103, 105].	[cite_start] E: The estimate of 4 million to 7 million homes is stated as the size of the shortage[cite: 103].	[cite_start] A: Manufactured homes, built to a federal standard, are seen as a fast and efficient solution for communities needing new single-family homes[cite: 105, 112].

Fact/Claim (F)	Evidence (E)	Analysis (A)
[cite_start] F: Manufactured homes are significantly more affordable than site-built homes[cite: 106].	[cite_start] E: They typically cost 45% less per square foot than traditional, site-built homes[cite: 106]. [cite_start]In 2020, a new manufactured home cost 35% to 73% as much as a similar site-built home[cite: 115].	[cite_start] A: Factory-built efficiencies combined with the HUD code (the national standard since 1976) result in significant savings for the homebuyer, sometimes exceeding \$100,000[cite: 114, 116].
[cite_start] F: Local zoning barriers and lack of access to affordable loans have caused persistently low manufactured home shipments[cite: 109].	[cite_start] E: Current annual shipments of about 100,000 homes are approximately a quarter of the industry's 1998 production level[cite: 110].	[cite_start] A: Zoning laws are often outdated, failing to reflect the modern quality of manufactured homes, and limit their use to land-lease communities, restricting options for qualified buyers[cite: 108, 122, 128].
[cite_start] F: Changing zoning could unlock homeownership for millions of renters[cite: 130].	[cite_start] E: 3.2 million renters across the country who cannot currently afford site-built homes could afford a new manufactured home if available[cite: 130].	[cite_start] A: When manufactured homes are allowed and treated as real estate (with land), the buyer can qualify for a mortgage, which typically has lower monthly payments, and the home's value appreciates similarly to that of site-built homes[cite: 132, 133].
[cite_start] F: Nine states have enacted zoning reforms	[cite_start] E: Examples include new laws in Kentucky (preventing	[cite_start] A: State-level reforms are key to limiting municipal

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in the past five years to facilitate manufactured homes[cite: 106].	discriminatory zoning) [cite: 144][cite_start]and Maryland (permitting manufactured homes in single-family zones if treated as real estate)[cite: 146]. (See Table 1 for a summary of nine states' actions) [cite_start][cite: 149, 150, 151].	authority to impose unreasonable requirements and putting manufactured homes on an equal playing field with other single-family homes[cite: 142, 143].

Part II: FEA of the MHPProNews Critique (Additional Information)

This section focuses on the points of oversight, omission, and critique raised by **MHPProNews** in Part II of the document.

Fact/Claim (F)	Evidence (E)	Analysis (A)
[cite_start] F: Pew's 9.2025 report on preemption failed to mention the federal Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA) and its " enhanced preemption " provision[cite: 160].	[cite_start] E: MHPProNews directly contacted Pew senior officer Rachel Siegel in November 2024 to advise her of this federal law and the concept of enhanced preemption[cite: 159, 165].	[cite_start] A: The omission is highlighted as a "significant flaw or big miss" given the federal law's direct relevance to preemption on manufactured housing[cite: 66, 160, 161, 170].
[cite_start] F: Pew used a conservative estimate for the potential market size[cite: 171].	[cite_start] E: Pew cited the Harvard JCHS figure of 3.2 million renters [cite: 130, 171][cite_start], but did not mention the Freddie Mac report identifying 25 to 26 million renters who could afford a HUD Code manufactured home[cite: 171].	[cite_start] A: Citing the smaller figure while omitting the significantly larger, industry-relevant Freddie Mac figure downplays the true market potential[cite: 171].

Fact/Claim (F)	Evidence (E)	Analysis (A)
[cite_start] F: Examples of Crossmod® projects were linked without publicly available data on their production volume[cite: 172].	[cite_start] E: The document states there is no hard public data on how many (or how few) Crossmods have been produced[cite: 172].	[cite_start] A: Including promotion-linked projects without transparent production data is an oversight that limits the report's credibility regarding the effectiveness of this particular product type[cite: 172].
[cite_start] F: The preemption situation in California (CA) was omitted[cite: 175].	[cite_start] E: CA has statewide preemption but is not in the top ten states for new HUD Code manufactured home shipments, according to MHARR data[cite: 176, 177].	[cite_start] A: Omitting a major state where preemption exists but is apparently ineffective fails to provide a complete, balanced view of the policy's real-world impact[cite: 178].
[cite_start] F: California's success with preemption for ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) was not included[cite: 179].	[cite_start] E: When ADU preemption went into effect in CA, production tripled overnight and surged over three years to 700 percent growth[cite: 180].	[cite_start] A: The ADU success story in California provides a real-world parallel demonstrating that fully enforced federal "enhanced preemption" could cause manufactured housing production to "skyrocket"[cite: 179, 180].