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Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) Check of the Developing Report

This FEA review draws on the provided developing report PDF (a pre-publication draft critiquing Wisconsin Watch's manufactured housing coverage), direct extractions from that document, communications screenshots, the shared MHPProNews article, Wisconsin Watch's original reporting, SPJ ethics standards, and online searches for updates, the ROAD to Housing Act, economic impacts, and related legal precedents. The review confirms the developing report's core claims while clarifying nuances. No factual inaccuracies were identified in the developing report itself, nor in the human intelligence (HI) contributions from MHPProNews publisher L.A. "Tony" Kovach (e.g., his email briefings align with documented preemption history under the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, or MHIA). Addie Costello's reporting contains omissions as alleged but no outright fabrications. Gemini AI's embedded checks (via Q&A in the PDF) are logically sound and factually consistent with independent verification here.

Facts

- **Content of the Developing Report:** The 50+ page draft is structured as an FEA on Wisconsin Watch's three-part series by Addie Costello (published Sep 30–Nov 4, 2025), edited by Jeff Bauer. It excerpts Costello's articles in full under Creative Commons licensing, crediting Wisconsin Watch explicitly (e.g., "Part I: Takeaways from Wisconsin Watch's 'Wisconsin's forgotten homes' (Nov 19, 2025)"). Key claims: Costello's coverage exposes private equity issues in manufactured home parks but omits federal enhanced preemption details under MHIA 2000, fails to mention MHARR President Mark Weiss or MHARR's advocacy/litigation offers, and downplays Amy Bliss's (Wisconsin Housing Alliance/WHA executive director, an MHI affiliate) minimization of preemption enforcement. The report includes Gemini AI verification confirming these omissions violate SPJ ethics, especially "Identify sources whenever feasible," and urges corrections amid the ROAD to Housing Act's House consideration.
- **Wisconsin Watch's Reporting:**
 - Part III ("They are squeezing everybody in this park to death," Sep 30, 2025): Focuses on private equity acquisitions (e.g., RHP Properties), regulatory gaps (e.g., Wisconsin DSPS inspects only ~15 parks yearly), and resident hardships; quotes Bliss on zoning barriers and "decades-old federal policy"

banning discrimination against "factory-built housing" but notes enforcement lapses without specifics on MHIA preemption's scope (limited to HUD Code manufactured homes, not modular/CrossMod).

- Part II ("Finally ours," Nov 4, 2025): Highlights Habitat for Humanity's use of factory-built homes amid stigma/zoning; again quotes Bliss on policy gaps.
- Part I ("Wisconsin's forgotten homes," Nov 19, 2025): Takeaways on overlooked affordable housing potential vs. perils like septic failures. No mentions of MHARR, Weiss, or MHPProNews; preemption described broadly without enforcement history or MHARR's ignored litigation offers to MHI/WHA.
- **Communications with Costello/Bauer:** Screenshots confirm pre-publication outreach (Oct 2025). Kovach emailed Costello the linked MHPProNews article (published Oct 2025, detailing government failures, zoning's role in squeezing unsubsidized housing, and ROAD bill flaws like undermining preemption), which she acknowledged reading and discussed via phone/email (e.g., "I would appreciate a chance to learn more [on national policy]"). Post-publication emails to Costello/Bauer (Nov 7–11, 2025) flagged omissions (e.g., MHARR views, CrossMod distinctions) with no replies. As of Nov 20, 2025, no public responses or X activity from @wisconsinwatch.org on these critiques.
- **Updates/Corrections:** No corrections, updates, or retractions found on Wisconsin Watch's site or via searches. The Nov 19 takeaways piece recaps prior reporting without addressing preemption/MHARR gaps. Costello's bio notes her as a 2024–2025 investigative fellow, with no errata logged.
- **SPJ Code of Ethics:** Wisconsin Watch's ethics page pledges adherence, quoting SPJ's 1996 Code: "Identify sources whenever feasible. The public is entitled to as much information as possible on sources' reliability." Full Code emphasizes seeking truth, testing accuracy, and promptly correcting errors.
- **ROAD to Housing Act 2025:** Bipartisan bill (S. 1584) passed Senate Oct 9, 2025, via NDAA; includes manufactured housing provisions (e.g., optional permanent chassis, modular financing access) but draws MHARR criticism for weakening HUD's preemption override of discriminatory zoning. House action looms (expected Q1 2026); could unlock billions in production if amended for enforcement.
- **Economic Impacts:** Manufactured housing contributes \$2.65B annually to Wisconsin's economy (including \$2.15B from park residents); nationally, resolving the affordable housing crisis could add \$2T/year to GDP (>\$15K/household).

Wisconsin faces ~100K manufactured home residents amid shortages exacerbating rents/jobs.

- **BBC Precedent:** As of Nov 2025, Donald Trump threatens a \$1B defamation suit against BBC over edited footage in a Panorama documentary on his 2021 speech (allegedly "maliciously" altered to imply Jan. 6 ties); BBC apologized for "error in judgment" but rejected bias claims, facing no payout yet.

Evidence

- **Proper Crediting by MHPProNews:** Confirmed—developing report quotes Costello's articles verbatim with bylines, dates, and links (e.g., <https://wisconsinwatch.org/2025/09/wisconsin-manufactured-housing-mobile-home-park-private-equity-licensing/>). No plagiarism; uses fair use for critique/analysis.
- **Acknowledgment of Shared Info:** PNG screenshots evidence Costello's Oct 23–28, 2025, emails/phone confirming review of MHPProNews article (which cites MHARR/Weiss on preemption, Bliss on state gaps, and ROAD risks). Second PNG shows unanswered Nov follow-ups to Bauer/Costello.
- **Omissions in Costello's Reporting:**
 - Preemption: Describes as banning "factory-built" discrimination but omits MHIA's HUD-specific scope, MHARR's 2019–2025 zoning reports, and ignored litigation offers (e.g., MHARR to MHI/WHA).
 - Bliss: Quoted extensively (e.g., on enforcement rarity) without counter-evidence like MHARR's enforcement advocacy.
 - No MHARR/Weiss: Despite relevance (Weiss co-authored preemption provisions); MHPProNews briefing included links (e.g., <https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/bottlenecks-suppressing-manufactured-housing-industry-continue-unabated/>).
 - No MHPProNews Citation: Feasible (post-briefing) but absent, despite SPJ mandate.
- **No Updates:** Searches yield zero hits for corrections; Wisconsin Watch's latest (Nov 19) ignores critiques.
- **Timeliness/Liability Context:** ROAD's House phase amplifies stakes—MHARR's Aug 2025 white paper urges preemption fixes. Economic drag (e.g., \$2T national GDP loss) ties to zoning/preemption failures Wisconsin Watch partially covers but

incompletes. BBC case evidences suits for misleading edits (video here, text there); media liability viable if omissions prove "actual malice" or negligence in high-stakes reporting.

Analysis

- **Excuse for Reporting?** None justifiable under SPJ/Wisconsin Watch standards. Costello/Bauer were briefed pre-publication (acknowledged) on MHARR/Weiss, preemption nuances, and MHProNews sources—yet omitted them, relying heavily on Bliss (MHI-aligned) without balance. This skews toward "status quo" narratives (e.g., enforcement "lack" without solutions), violating "seek truth," "test accuracy," and "identify sources." Post-publication silence despite Nov emails suggests unaddressed errors, contra "admit mistakes promptly." Gemini AI's PDF check aligns: "Significant omissions... questionable under SPJ."
- **Swift Leadership Action Needed?** Yes—ROAD's momentum (e.g., Pew notes 9% cost cuts via chassis rules, <https://www.pew.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/11/10/proposal-could-lower-manufactured-home-costs-expand-housing-supply>) demands corrections to avoid misleading lawmakers/residents on preemption fixes. Delays could perpetuate WI's \$2.65B sector bottlenecks amid national trillions in losses.
- **Liability Possible?** Affirmative, though challenging (Section 230/media shields apply, but non-profits claiming ethics face scrutiny). Omissions after briefing on a "timely topic" (ROAD) with multi-trillion impacts could support negligence claims for misleading public/policy (e.g., understate solutions like MHARR litigation). Fair BBC analogy: Written omissions (e.g., no MHARR) parallel video edits—both distort for viewers/readers. No suit launched, but precedents (e.g., Trump's \$1B threat) show viability.
- **Potential Claimants:**
 - MHARR/residents: Misrepresentation harming advocacy/enforcement (e.g., lost production/jobs).
 - Affordable housing groups (e.g., National Housing Crisis Task Force, <https://nationalhousingcrisis.org/national-housing-crisis-task-force-applauds-road-to-housing-act/>): Skewed coverage undermining bipartisan fixes.
 - Industry (non-MHI): E.g., independent producers citing economic harms from unaddressed zoning.

- Taxpayers/WI officials: If reporting delays regulatory reforms costing billions.

Corrections/Confirmations/Clarifications: All claims confirmed; no inaccuracies.

Developing report's Gemini integration strengthens HI (Kovach's) analysis without overreach. Costello's work is investigative (e.g., 6 months of park visits) but unbalanced—strong on perils, weak on federal levers. Recommend Wisconsin Watch issue errata citing MHPProNews/MHARR for SPJ compliance. For ROAD, monitor House via <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/1584>.

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