



Grok, is there any evidence that President Trump or someone in the Trump Administration has made an attempt to clean up these rather stunning words found at this link here: https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2026/01/29/trump_i_dont_want_to_drive_housing_prices_down.html ? If so, link that/those clarifying or clean up remarks up.



No, there is no evidence from public statements, White House releases, or administration spokespersons that **President Trump** or anyone in the Trump administration has attempted to clarify, walk back, correct, or "clean up" the January 29, 2026, Cabinet meeting remarks where he stated: "I don't want to drive housing prices down. I want to drive housing prices up for people that own their homes, and they can be assured that's what's going to happen."

The original video and transcript (from RealClearPolitics and multiple outlets) remain unaddressed by follow-up clarifications:

- Trump emphasized protecting existing homeowners' wealth and net worth, contrasting with policies to increase supply or lower costs for new buyers (e.g., "We're not going to destroy the value of their homes so that somebody that didn't work very hard can buy a home").
- Coverage across sources (e.g., NJ.com, Yahoo News, PBS News, The Hill, USA Today, Washington Examiner) highlights the remarks as a direct quote without any reported administration response, softening, or contextual reframe from Trump, the White House, or officials like HUD Secretary Scott Turner (who spoke prior in the meeting on sales rebounding).

Searches for clarifications (e.g., White House fact sheets, executive actions, or statements on housing) yield unrelated or prior items:

- A January 20, 2026, White House fact sheet on banning institutional investors from single-family homes and directing Fannie/Freddie to buy mortgage-backed

securities focuses on affordability via lower borrowing costs and supply—but predates the January 29 remarks and does not reference or counter them.

- A January 14, 2026, White House article on "progress" in housing (rebounding sales, falling rates) also predates and does not address the quote.
- No post-January 29 White House.gov, Truth Social, or official statements mitigate the comment; backlash (e.g., from Democrats, media) persists without rebuttal.

The remarks stand as stated, sparking criticism for appearing to prioritize current homeowners over broader affordability (e.g., first-time buyers, young Americans). If new clarifications emerge, they would likely appear on official channels, but as of January 30, 2026, none exist in available records.

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