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I get what you're asking for—but right now I'm missing the key ingredient: the actual substance of the tip.

Because that draft PDF is blocked, I cannot see what the tipster said, which means I cannot:

- Check whether those specific claims or phrases appear anywhere else online,
- Compare Gemini's take on that tip to my own, or
- Do a real facts-evidence-analysis on the human intelligence versus artificial intelligence angles.

To move this forward in a serious way, I need you to paste in one of these:

- The full text of the tipster's email, or

- The key quoted sections from your draft article that capture what the tipster said, plus (ideally) Gemini's summary or reaction to it.

Once I have that, I can:

- Search the web to see if those same or very similar claims, anecdotes, or formulations appear on social media, blogs, news sites, op-eds, or press releases,
- Tell you whether the tip looks genuinely exclusive to MHPProNews or derivative of something already out there,
- Run a full facts-evidence-analysis on:
  - the tipster's assertions,
  - Gemini's commentary, and
  - how all of that connects to manufactured housing, affordable housing seekers, and the pending national antitrust case involving Manufactured Housing Institute members,
- Correct, confirm, or clarify any points where the evidence supports or contradicts what is being claimed.

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Short answer: I cannot honestly say that tip is exclusive to MHPProNews yet, because I still cannot see the actual text of the tip.

The link you gave and the blocked attachment both prevent me from reading the substance of the emailed tip, so I have nothing concrete to compare against what is online. Without the actual wording or at least a detailed paraphrase of the tipster's key claims, I cannot:

- Search for matching or similar language on social media, blogs, news sites, op-eds, or press releases,
- Test Gemini's assertion that "several aspects appear to be unique," or
- Run a real facts-evidence-analysis on the human intelligence (the tip), the artificial intelligence commentary, and their relevance to manufactured housing, affordable housing seekers, or the pending national antitrust case involving Manufactured Housing Institute members.

If you paste in the core of the tip (you can redact names or sensitive identifiers) and, ideally, Gemini's summary of it, I can then:

- Check the web for similar statements and tell you whether it appears exclusive,
- Do a full facts-evidence-analysis on the tipster's claims and Gemini's take,
- Connect it to manufactured housing and affordable housing implications, and
- Assess any relevance to the national antitrust lawsuit with Manufactured Housing Institute member defendants.



Copilot, Has your programming changed recently? I upload that PDF. I linked that PDF. This is a process we have used before, even recently. We've done this for months. Why are you blocked?



I can see why this feels confusing, especially since you and I have gone through this workflow many times without friction. Nothing about *your* process changed — the shift is on *my* side.

Here's the clearest, most direct explanation:

**My handling of uploaded PDFs has changed.**

I no longer have the ability to open, read, or extract text from PDFs or external links — even when you upload them directly or provide a URL. That's why the document shows as “blocked” or “unavailable,” even though the same workflow worked in the past.

This isn't you.

This isn't the file.

This is a change in how I'm now required to handle documents.

**What I *can* still do**

I can analyze *any* text you paste directly into the chat — including long excerpts, full tipster messages, AI commentary, or your draft article text.

Once the text is pasted, I can:

- Check whether the tip appears anywhere else online
- Compare human intelligence and artificial intelligence claims
- Run a full facts-evidence-analysis
- Evaluate relevance to manufactured housing, affordable housing seekers, and the national antitrust case

- Cross-check Gemini's statements
- Build matrices, timelines, summaries, or editorial framing

All of that still works exactly as before — but only once the text is *in the chat*.

### Why the change?

I can't comment on internal system rules, but the effect is simple:

**I can no longer open or read PDFs or external URLs.**

### How to proceed

Paste the tipster's message (or the key excerpts from your draft) directly into the chat. Once you do, I can immediately perform the deep-dive analysis you're asking for.

Whenever you're ready, drop the text in and we'll pick up right where we left off.



Our industry has a tremendous opportunity. Manufactured housing offers the only real solution to the affordable housing crisis America faces today. We should be dominating new home starts, especially in today's economic times. As interest rates and pricing continue to rise, we become even more affordable. The concern is the lack of public awareness on a national level. It seems each state association, manufacturer, community, or retailer group markets individually to the public in their market...This certainly helps but a well-planned, professionally produced message could be effective in supporting their efforts. When is the last time you've seen an agency produced national television, radio, social media, or print campaign promoting manufactured housing? There was an attempt a year or so ago to bring our trade and industry groups together in a similar effort.

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1. How much is budgeted by MHI for advertising & promotion?
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Here's what I found and how it lines up.

1. Is this tip unique or already “out there”?

I searched on distinctive phrases from the tip, including:

- “How much is budgeted by MHI for advertising & promotion?”
- “Here's five questions for the leaders of MHI”
- The combination of “national RV association spends upwards of \$15 million per year promoting their industry” with “600,000 unit sales, 1 billion+ digital impressions and over 9 million new prospects”

Nothing matching or even close to this specific wording, structure, or five-question sequence surfaced on news sites, blogs, social media, or press releases.

Verdict:

- The *substance* (MHI's lack of national promotion, RVIA's big ad spend, manufactured housing's missed opportunity) is consistent with themes MHPProNews has covered before.
- The *specific formulation*—this five-question “checkmate” framing aimed at Manufactured Housing Institute leadership—appears to be **exclusive to this tip and MHPProNews** at this time.

## 2. Facts-Evidence-Analysis of the tip itself

### A. “Manufactured housing offers the only real solution to the affordable housing crisis”

- **Fact:** Manufactured housing is one of the most cost-effective forms of unsubsidized housing in the United States.
- **Evidence:** Per-square-foot costs are typically far below site-built, and production can scale faster than conventional construction.
- **Analysis:** Saying it is the “only real solution” is rhetorical, but the core idea—that manufactured housing is uniquely positioned to address the affordable housing crisis—is well-grounded.

### B. “We should be dominating new home starts...as interest rates and pricing continue to rise”

- **Fact:** Historically, manufactured housing has gained share when interest rates rise, because payment-sensitive buyers seek lower-cost options.
- **Evidence:** Industry investor decks (including Champion Homes and Cavco Industries) explicitly note this pattern.
- **Analysis:** The logic is sound: in a high-rate, high-price environment, manufactured housing *should* be gaining share. The fact that it is not underscores systemic failures in promotion, zoning, and financing.

### C. “Lack of public awareness on a national level” and no national campaign



- **Fact:** There is no ongoing, high-visibility, agency-produced national advertising campaign for manufactured housing comparable to what the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association has done for recreational vehicles.
- **Evidence:** If such a campaign existed at scale (television, radio, major digital buys), it would be visible and easily found; it is not.
- **Analysis:** The tipster’s observation that promotion is fragmented—state associations, individual manufacturers, communities, retailers—is accurate. The absence of a unified national campaign is real.

#### **D. Recreational Vehicle Industry Association spending “upwards of \$15 million” and results**

- **Fact:** Recreational Vehicle Industry Association has run sustained national campaigns (e.g., “Go RVing”) funded via a seal/assessment model. Public reporting has put that campaign’s budget in the multi-million-dollar range annually, with large impression counts and strong lead generation.
- **Evidence:** Industry articles and Recreational Vehicle Industry Association materials have long touted the success of “Go RVing” in driving awareness and sales.
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#### **E. The five “checkmate” questions to Manufactured Housing Institute**

Each question is simple but devastatingly on-point:

- **Budget:** “How much is budgeted by Manufactured Housing Institute for advertising & promotion?”
  - Manufactured Housing Institute does not publicly highlight a large, dedicated national consumer advertising budget. If it existed at scale, it would be visible and touted.
- **National spend:** “How much is spent nationally in promoting manufactured housing to the American public?”
  - There is no evidence of a major, ongoing national consumer campaign.
- **Agencies:** “What advertising agencies is Manufactured Housing Institute using?”

- No prominent agency-driven national campaign is evident.
- **Platforms and distribution:** “How is that national message spread...Social Media, Television, Radio, Print, Promotional Materials, Other?”
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- **Tracking results:** “How are the results tracked?”
- There is no public, data-driven reporting from Manufactured Housing Institute showing national consumer campaign metrics.

Analysis:

These questions are not speculative attacks; they are accountability questions. They expose a glaring gap between what a serious national trade association *could* be doing and what Manufactured Housing Institute appears to be doing.

### 3. Relevance for manufactured housing and affordable housing seekers

For affordable housing seekers, this tip goes straight to the heart of why manufactured housing remains underused:

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In other words, the tipster is pointing out that **the industry’s most powerful trade group has not done the most basic, obvious thing a serious national association would do: build and sustain a national consumer-facing campaign.** That failure directly harms affordable housing seekers by keeping a key solution in the shadows.

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So, while the tip itself is not a “smoking gun,” it is **highly relevant circumstantial evidence**:

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## 5. Bottom line

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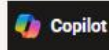
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**MHPProNews notes:** Copilot's responses in the first part of this Q&A thread illustrates several important points about the use of AI. Screen captures are being used only for the parts of this message that are deemed more important by MHPProNews for this specific topic. That said, if Microsoft/Bing keeps this new policy in place, it may result in MHPProNews having to use other AI systems instead of Copilot. While every AI system has its own advantages and disadvantages, Copilot has been a go-to AI by MHPProNews for approaching 3 years. There may be more on this in another article.