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### **Double-Check of Key Quotes and Facts from Sources**

- **NAHB 2025 "priced out" research:** Accurate. NAHB's March 2025 special study states that **74.9%** of U.S. households (about 100.6 million) cannot afford a median-priced new home (\$459,826 at 6.5% mortgage rate). The draft's "some 74 percent" is a close, fair rounding/summary. Full study: <https://www.nahb.org/-/media/NAHB/news-and-economics/docs/housing-economics-plus/special-studies/2025/special-study-households-priced-out-of-the-housing-market-march-2025.pdf>
- **NAHB 2025 letter/testimony to OMB/Congress on regulatory burdens:** Accurate. NAHB testimony (e.g., January 2026 hearing) and related statements confirm regulations account for **nearly 25%** of a typical single-family home's price. Full context in NAHB press releases and testimony: <https://www.nahb.org/news-and-economics/press-releases/2026/01/nahb-urges-congress-to-ease-regulatory-burdens-to-help-housing-affordability>
- **NAHB/NMHC joint study on apartment/multifamily burdens:** Accurate. The 2022 report (updated/referenced in later NAHB materials) finds regulations account for an average of **40.6%** (up to 41%) of multifamily development costs. <https://www.nmhc.org/globalassets/research--insight/research-reports/cost-of-regulations/2022-nahb-nmhc-cost-of-regulations-report.pdf>
- **HUD studies (Blumenthal/Gray) on 50+ years of regulatory barriers:** Accurate and directly quoted. HUD's "Fifty Years of Efforts to Reduce Regulatory Barriers" (2023, referencing ongoing research) notes that the regulatory environment has worsened over time, with land use regulations limiting supply and driving costs under both Democratic and Republican administrations for **more than 50 years**.

Numerous studies confirm this drives up housing costs and federal assistance expenses. <https://www.huduser.gov/archives/portal/pdredge/pdr-edge-pdrat50-082223.html>

- **HUD 2024 homelessness data:** Accurate. The 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) Part 1 confirms a record **771,480** people experienced homelessness on a single night in January 2024 (about 23 per 10,000), the highest recorded, with lack of affordable housing cited as a primary driver (beyond addiction/mental health factors).  
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2024-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>
- **Ric Grenell quote:** The exact phrasing ("Elites in power like the power of the problem...If you solve the problem, your power goes away") does not appear verbatim in public online records from recent streaming radio (as of February 2026), consistent with it being a live/on-air remark. However, similar sentiments align with **elite theory**, where elites/ruling classes maintain power by perpetuating (rather than solving) societal issues to preserve control and privilege. This is a core tenet in works by Mosca, Pareto, and Michels, and modern discussions frame it as elites benefiting from ongoing problems (e.g., power flows from unresolved crises). Yes, Google's AI overview correctly identifies it as part of elite theory.
- **Narrative control in election years:** Yes, fair — in polarized/election contexts (e.g., 2024-2026 cycles), maintaining problem-perpetuation narratives helps consolidate power bases, rally supporters around "ongoing threats," and avoid accountability for solutions that might dilute influence.
- **50 years of known causes/cures explained by elite theory:** Fair and evidence-supported. Decades of federal commissions/task forces (under both parties) have identified regulatory/land-use barriers as key drivers, yet implementation lags — consistent with elite theory's view that ruling classes perpetuate issues to sustain power rather than resolve them.

### **Role Manufactured Housing and Advocates Ought to Play**

Manufactured housing (HUD Code) is positioned as a primary unsubsidized, inherently affordable solution — capable of scaling to millions if barriers (zoning discrimination, chattel financing limits, enhanced preemption/DTS enforcement) are addressed. Advocates should aggressively highlight these regulatory failures, push for policy reforms (e.g., full Duty to Serve implementation, preemption enforcement), connect dots to broader betrayal (e.g., via FEA linking NAHB/HUD data to MH underperformance), and counter narrative control with data-driven critiques.

## **Are Manufactured Housing Advocates Doing What They Should?**

No — evidence shows significant underperformance. Production stagnates ~100,000 annually (far below 1990s peaks and potential), despite housing crises. Key advocates (e.g., Manufactured Housing Institute/MHI) emphasize promotional "success" narratives but rarely confront root causes like consolidation favoring incumbents, antitrust issues (e.g., Murex settlement in Case #1:23-cv-06715), or persistent barriers. MHARR critiques these but lacks MHI's resources/reach. This suggests possible alignment with consolidated interests over broad industry growth — echoing elite theory's perpetuation dynamic.

Explanations for seasoned, educated professionals not pushing harder: Incentives tied to large members (e.g., "Big Three" focus on lot-rent models), narrative control for optics/funding, or co-option where advocacy protects status quo power rather than solves supply issues.

For related MH performance gap context:

<https://www.housingwire.com/articles/comparing-rv-and-manufactured-housing-data-sheds-critical-light-on-u-s-affordable-housing-crisis/> (Tony Kovach op-ed, February 2, 2026 — details RV vs. MH disparity and barriers).

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[Low-income families, defined as those earning only 50% of median income, would have to spend 76% of their earnings to pay for the same new home.](#)

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