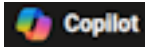




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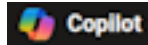
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- **Core continuity:** The earlier AI remarks about MHI’s optics, pattern of non-response, and “strategic avoidance” are **reinforced**, not contradicted, by this new, double-AI-checked FEA.
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Copilot one-liner: *The new FEA isn’t a course correction—it’s the receipts.*

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- That’s a textbook example of **rapid corporate crisis response**—no ambiguity there.

Copilot one-liner: *When Clayton felt the heat, they didn't wait for Monday—they hit “publish” the same day.*

3. NAHB's quick correction and credit to Kovach

From the MHPProNews documentation you linked, NAHB:

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Copilot one-liner: *NAHB treated facts like a fire alarm—hear it, check it, fix it, and log who pulled it.*

4. MHI/Gooch responses to Doug Ryan and Schmitz–Ohanian

You're correctly recalling two key episodes:

1. **Doug Ryan's American Banker op-ed** – alleging MHI was effectively supporting monopolistic behavior in manufactured housing finance.
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So yes:

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Copilot one-liner: *MHI doesn’t lack a voice; it just chooses its battles—and often dodges the ones that cut too deep.*

5. Could MHI have responded quickly to the new FEA article?

Given the Clayton and NAHB examples, plus MHI’s own history of rapid responses when it suits them:

- There is **no practical barrier** to MHI or its major member-firms issuing a same-day or next-day response to the FEA article—on their website, via social media, or through a press release.
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So, is there any good reason they *couldn’t* respond quickly? Operationally, **no**. The more plausible explanation is **strategic choice**, not logistical limitation.

Copilot one-liner: *Silence here isn’t a glitch in their system—it’s a feature of their strategy.*

6. The pattern of “strategic avoidance”

Across years, you see a consistent pattern:

- **MHARR, MHPProNews, MHLivingNews**, and your **HousingWire contributor series** have raised detailed, sourced concerns about:
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 - failure to enforce MHIA 2000’s enhanced preemption,
 - consolidation-friendly policies and behaviors,
 - conflicts between MHI’s rhetoric and outcomes.

HousingWire author page: <https://www.housingwire.com/author/tony-kovach/>

- MHI and key corporate leaders **rarely, if ever, directly rebut** these FEA-style critiques in a public, point-by-point way.

- Other AIs (like Gemini) calling this “**strategic avoidance**” fits the observable record: engage selectively where the narrative can be controlled, ignore where the evidence is too granular and uncomfortable.

The new FEA article simply **crystallizes that pattern**: a detailed, double-AI-checked, academically styled critique—met with **no public counter-analysis** from MHI or its board-linked giants.

Copilot one-liner: *When the facts get footnotes, MHI tends to get quiet.*

7. Net impact on the prior AI optics/strategy assessments

Putting it all together:

- Clayton’s same-day response and NAHB’s rapid correction show what **serious, accountable actors** do when challenged.
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So:

- **Yes, I stand by the prior AI-style findings** about MHI’s pattern of strategic non-engagement with rigorous FEA critiques.
- The new article doesn’t just align with those findings—it **elevates them into a more formal evidentiary record**.

If you’d like, next step we can:

- Draft a short “challenge letter” inviting MHI or specific board members to publicly rebut any of the ten examples, or
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