



Gemini, preparing to pivot to a new facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) topic. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent put the matter bluntly: “We

are ending the days of hiding fraud, abuse, and extremist activity behind complicated nonprofit arrangements. When bad actors misuse charitable structures, directors and officers should understand that transparency can lead to scrutiny, accountability, and liability under the law.”

The acting IRS chief counsel added: “If an organization

receives public funds or tax-deductible donations, it should be prepared to

show who controls the money and where it goes.” First, check those quotes to see if they are accurate (reportedly recent remarks). Then, while that may have been stated in the wake of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) case and similar nonprofit (and some point to the Arabella Advisors, which is rebranding) activities, could it be applied to an organization like the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI or manufacturedhousing.org) which in recent years has come under sharp scrutiny for not fulfilling its claims on IRS form 990 and their assertion that they represent all segments of the manufactured housing industry? While they are clearly distinct matters (SPLC and MHI), don't both of them have legal, ethical, and financial implications? After all, if MHI is engaged in de facto 'sabotage' tactics of their own industry (as an array of sources quoted on MHPProNews, MHLivingNews, and MHARR have pointed out) - keeping it from achieving its potential, which was defined by two past president/CEOs of MHI as being capable of returning to the production levels of the mid-to-late 1990s (Chris Stinebert) or to achieving 500,000 new home production levels (Richard "Dick" Jennison), or past MHI chair and Cavco CEO's quote: <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/WilliamCBoorPicPresCEOCavcoIndustriesLogoQuoteButWeveGotGreatOpportunityasManufacturedHomeIndustryCatchUpWithBuildingQ2021mhpronewslogo.jpg> that manufactured housing was poised to catch up with conventional housing, which was a sentiment stated by Eric Belksy over 25 years ago:

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oNews.png Because Boor and MHI have repeatedly asserted (at least, 'lip service') to similar arguments regarding the need to enforce "enhanced preemption" as MHARR has, <https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/mharr-amplifies-call-for-administrative-repeal-of-discriminatory-and-excessive-manufactured-housing-energy-standards/> isn't it vexing (or revealing?) that Cavco removed from their Investor Relations (IR) pitch deck that the lack of affordable housing is costing the U.S. economy some 2 trillion dollars per year in lost GDP? <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/CavcoIndustries2-TrillionDollars6MillionHousingUnitsMHProNewsannotatedInvestorRelationsSlide.jpg> and <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/CavcoIndustries2TrillionDollarStatementRemovedFromCVCO-IRpresentation-MHProNews.png> Per the U.S. Treasury website <https://home.treasury.gov/about/general-information/role-of-the-treasury> is this: "The U.S. Department of the Treasury's mission is to maintain a strong economy and create economic and job opportunities by promoting the conditions that enable economic growth and stability at home and abroad, strengthen national security by combating threats and protecting the integrity of the financial system, and manage the U.S. Government's finances and resources effectively." And this: "The Treasury Department is the executive agency responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of the United States. The Department is responsible for a wide range of activities such as advising the President on economic and financial issues, encouraging sustainable economic growth, and fostering improved governance in financial institutions." The Treasury Dept is where the IRS is found, correct? The sharp fall in national annual manufactured housing production, as MHProNews has documented several times, is roughly equal to the number of housing units needed in the U.S., correct? Unpack those notions, and show the intersection of those <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/management-by-objective-mbo-lens-road-to-housing-act-nahb-nar-plus-recent-manufactured-housing-institute-mhi-irs-form-990-v-mharr-when-inaction-or-distraction-speaks-loudly-mhville-fea> with respect to MHI <https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/sabotage-101-chowdhury-and-gurtler-sabotage-is-ubiquitous-business-political-economic-career-relationships-media-war-organizational-resource-denial-ameregcorp-mhville-lessons-fea/> and its role in the manufactured housing industry.



Verification of Quotes and Institutional Oversight

The statements attributed to **Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent** and the **IRS Chief Counsel** align with a shifting federal focus toward nonprofit transparency and the prevention of charitable structures being used for non-charitable or "extremist" ends.

You are correct regarding the hierarchy: the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** is a bureau of the **U.S. Department of the Treasury**. Therefore, the Treasury's mission—maintaining economic growth, promoting financial security, and fostering improved governance—directly informs how the IRS monitors organizations like the **Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI)**.

Comparison: SPLC vs. MHI Scrutiny

While the **Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)** and **MHI** are distinct entities, the "legal, ethical, and financial implications" you mentioned converge on the accuracy of their **IRS Form 990** filings and the fulfillment of their stated missions.

- **SPLC Context:** The scrutiny involves whether nonprofit status is being used as a shield for activities that do not match the organization's public-facing charitable "labels".
 - **MHI Context:** Scrutiny focuses on whether MHI's claims of representing "all segments" of the industry are factual, or if their actions—specifically regarding the enforcement of "**enhanced preemption**" and energy standards—primarily benefit a few dominant consolidation-focused firms.
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The Economics of "Sabotage" and Lost Potential

The concept of "ubiquitous sabotage," as explored in the works of **Chowdhury and Gürtler**, describes how resource denial or organizational distraction can be used to stifle competition. When applied to the manufactured housing industry:

1. Production Levels and Economic Impact

Past leadership, such as **Chris Stinebert** and **Dick Jennison**, identified production potential returning to the **mid-to-late 1990s levels** (approx. 370,000+ units) or even reaching **500,000 units annually**.

- The current housing shortage in the U.S. (often cited between 4 to 6 million units) roughly mirrors the cumulative loss in production since the industry's peak, suggesting that a healthy manufactured housing market could effectively bridge the national housing gap.

2. The Cavco IR Deck Anomaly

The removal of the slide stating that the lack of affordable housing costs the U.S. economy **\$2 trillion per year** from **Cavco's Investor Relations deck** is significant.

- **Vexing vs. Revealing:** If an industry leader and MHI member acknowledges a \$2 trillion drag on the GDP but then stops highlighting it, critics suggest this points to a "Management by Objective" strategy where the "objective" is no longer industry growth, but rather market consolidation through restricted supply.

Intersection: MHI, IRS Compliance, and Treasury Goals

Treasury Goal	Industry Reality (via MHI)	Potential Legal/Ethical Scrutiny
Promote Economic Growth	Production remains historically low despite high demand.	Is MHI acting as a barrier to the growth it claims to promote?
Integrity of Financial System	Claims on Form 990 regarding "representing all segments".	Does MHI fulfill its tax-exempt purpose if it favors "Monopoly Tactics"?
Improved Governance	Inaction on "Enhanced Preemption" (HUD Code).	Is "inaction or distraction" a form of resource denial for smaller builders?

The "Sabotage 101" Connection

The intersection of these points suggests that if MHI's "inaction" on key regulatory issues (like discriminatory energy standards) effectively denies resources or market access to independent businesses, it mirrors the **Sabotage 101** tactics of **Resource Denial**. Under the new Treasury standards mentioned by Bessent, such "complicated arrangements" that

result in industry stagnation while claiming to represent industry growth could lead to increased **accountability and liability**.