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Thinking

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Checked available sources

Expanded source review

Reassessed the evidence

Searched 9 websites

The current MHI website reinforces its stated position that it is the federal policy voice for "all segments," and lists recent advocacy items on manufactured-housing standards and housing policy. I have not yet found a public item directly engaging the specific multi-year contradiction case raised by MHARR and MHProNews. I'm checking the current news/advocacy pages and the research claims now; the distinction matters because a general "we support growth" statement is not a factual rebuttal to the evidence being cited.

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