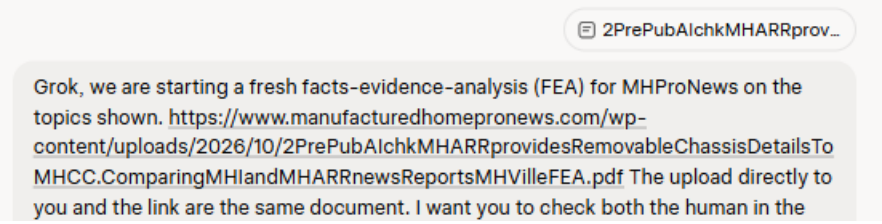
Grok, we are starting a fresh facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) for MHProNews on the topics shown. https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/2PrePubAIchkMHARRprovidesRemovableChassisDetailsToMHCC.ComparingMHIandMHARRnewsReportsMHVilleFEA.pdf The upload directly to you and the link are the same document. I want you to check both the human in the loop (HITL) content as well as the AI content (e.g.: Gemini or the linked collage of AIs saying MHI's behavior is often for the sake of "optics."). I noted that Gemini mentioned the Hiler Amendment, which seems to be more directly raised by MHARR in the past year or two, perhaps because MHARR supported the Hiler Amendment https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/HilerAmendmentManufacturedHousingSept1990WouldHaveRemovedPermenantChassisRequirement0226_fld00006_bdl0013_doc0001MHProNews.pdf which MHI is said to have initially supported and then they pulled out, and as of the date shown, is not found on their website: https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/ManufacturedHousingInstituteWebsiteHilerAmendmentFactsEvidenceAnalysisFEA.CheckMHProNews.png It seems to me that much of MHI's behavior in the 21st century can't be readily understood absent the consolidation/gatekeeper thesis. housingwire.KovachOpEdTheCrookedEandManufacturedHousingEvidenceofSystemicFailuresAndCorruptionManufacturedHousingInstituteConsolidationThesis.pdf Do whatever online checks are needed to see if MHI has responded directly and publicly responded to critiques by MHProNews, MHLivingNews or MHARR? They responded publicly to Doug Ryan, about a decade ago, and to the 'tone' of James Schmitz Jr. more recently (over a year or so ago), which indicates they know how to respond, and of course Tim Williams/21st Mortgage said that there is a good argument to be made that the industry (i.e.: MHI) should respond to every story, claim, etc. But that clearly is not occurring from my experience and observations. See if you can find any mention by MHI (manufacturedhousing.org) of Amy Schmitz, Maris Jensen, James Schmitz Jr. and his colleagues, BIS.org researchers into manufactured home lending or Samuel Strommen and his antitrust thesis? Be mindful of our protocols: Use the then current organizational names depending upon the timeframe involved (e.g.: Champion Enterprises (CHB), later Skyline Champion (SKY) became Champion Homes (SKY) in Aug 2024, CFED became Prosperity Now, SSK Communities became Flagship Communities, etc. all of which should ONLY be mentioned if or as needed in your FEA model response). Offer an executive summary, 3 or 4 tables, use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings, and conclude with a summary that pulls together not only your remarks but if the points raised in the developing article. Use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings. Address the possible antitrust concerns raised by MHARR, given that MHI has issued a proprietary name for CrossMods (even though that is a market failure as measured by key performance indicators - KPIs - and based on known information), meaning, doesn't it look like MHARR is trying to head off the possible weaponization of the removable chassis?



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Executive Summary

The developing draft accurately captures the 10.20.2026 contrast: MHARR publicly submitted detailed comments to the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) ahead of the October 27-28 meeting, stressing that any removable-chassis standards under the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act must be generic, performance-based, fully cost-justified, and free of proprietary designs or systems to avoid cost and anti-competitive (including potential antitrust) issues. By contrast, MHI's same-day homepage item ("HUD Leaders Spotlight Manufactured Housing in National Housing Discussion") links to members-only content and contains no visible public mention of the MHCC chassis discussion. MHARR's long-standing support for chassis removal (including the 1990 Hiler Amendment, which MHI initially backed then withdrew) is consistent with the public record; MHI's current posture is not contradicted by any located public rebuttal. Searches of manufacturedhousing.org and related public channels yield no mentions of Amy Schmitz, Maris Jensen, James Schmitz Jr., BIS.org researchers, or Samuel Strommen, and no direct, evidence-based responses to detailed MHARR or MHProNews critiques on these topics (despite MHI's prior public replies to Doug Ryan and limited engagement on Schmitz tone, plus Tim Williams' earlier statement that the industry should respond to every story). The pattern aligns with the consolidation/gatekeeper thesis without strained readings: institutional opacity and selective advocacy protect existing market structures rather than prioritizing broad enforcement of enhanced preemption or open competition. MHARR's explicit caution against proprietary standards appears designed to head off any weaponization of the chassis change that could favor larger or vertically integrated players.

Table 1. MHARR vs. MHI Public Communications (10.20.2026 Snapshot)

Element	MHARR	MHI	Assessment
Pre-MHCC comments on removable chassis	Full public statement emphasizing generic, cost-justified, non-proprietary standards	No visible public mention of MHCC chassis topic	Accurate contrast
Transparency	Open document with linkback permission	Homepage item leads to members-only page	Matches draft
Antitrust/competition caution	Explicit warning that proprietary standards could raise anti-competitive issues	None located	MHARR position documented

Element	MHARR	MHI	Assessment
Historical chassis stance	Supported Hiler Amendment (1990); continued support for optional chassis	Initially supported Hiler then withdrew; now backs ROAD Act chassis provision	Consistent with MHARR record

Table 2. MHI Public Mentions of Key Researchers / Critics

Researcher / Topic	Mentions on manufacturedhousing.org (public search)	Known MHI Response Pattern	Notes
Amy Schmitz	None located	No direct public rebuttal found	2004 paper on MH insiders
James Schmitz Jr. / colleagues	None located	Limited reply on "tone" only	Antitrust/vertical foreclosure research
Maris Jensen	None located	None located	Related foreclosure work
Samuel Strommen	None located	None located	Antitrust thesis
BIS.org MH lending research	None located	None located	Chattel lending studies
MHARR / MHProNews detailed critiques	No point-by-point public rebuttals located	Selective earlier responses (Doug Ryan; Schmitz tone)	Williams 2016 statement on responding to every story remains unfulfilled in these cases

Table 3. Removable Chassis and Competition Concerns

MHARR Point	Supporting Detail	Relevance to Antitrust / Consolidation
Standards must be generic and non-proprietary	Avoids licensing or manufacturer-specific designs	Prevents potential foreclosure of independents
Full cost justification required	Based on complete consumer purchase price	Counters any higher-cost "CrossMods"-style framing
Caution against anti-competitive outcomes	Explicit reference to cost and antitrust issues	Aligns with prior CrossMods proprietary naming and limited KPI success
Enhanced preemption still unenforced	Primary zoning tool available for 26 years	Chassis change is secondary to supply barriers

Table 4. Response Capacity vs. Observed Behavior

Indicator of Capacity	Observed Outcome	Implication
Prior public replies (Doug Ryan ~2014; Schmitz tone)	No equivalent replies to MHARR/MHProNews chassis, consolidation, or researcher critiques	Capacity exists; selective use
Tim Williams (then MHI chair) statement that industry should respond to every story	Pattern of non-response on detailed evidence-based items	Documented principle not applied
David Goch monitoring statements	No located enforcement actions or public rebuttals on these topics	Monitoring without public engagement
Multi-billion-dollar member base	No known litigation push for enhanced preemption enforcement	Prioritization of other issues

Concluding Summary

The draft's core claims hold: MHARR's public, substantive pre-MHCC comments on removable chassis standards emphasize open competition and cost-effectiveness, while MHI's same-day communications remain members-only and omit the topic. No public MHI rebuttals to MHARR or MHProNews on this or related consolidation critiques were located, nor were mentions of the named academic or antitrust researchers. The Hiler Amendment history (MHARR support; MHI initial support then withdrawal) is consistently documented by MHARR and uncontradicted in public MHI materials. MHARR's antitrust caution is a logical extension of concerns over proprietary approaches (as seen with CrossMods branding and limited adoption metrics). These elements fit the consolidation/gatekeeper pattern—optics of activity without corresponding enforcement of existing supply-expanding tools—without requiring forced interpretations. Primary sources include the MHARR statement, MHI website snapshots, and prior public testimony/records linked via MHProNews and MHARR archives.

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