

# At Congress & Expo HUD Secretary Carson Touts Manufactured Housing in Addressing the Affordable Housing Shortage



**Ben Carson** @SecretaryCarson · Apr 25

I can tell you without qualification that this Administration appreciates all the manufactured housing industry is doing in the way of making homes more affordable @MHIAction @MHIupdate



At MHI's Congress & Expo in Las Vegas last week, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson reaffirmed his commitment to reforming the Department's manufactured housing program. Addressing close to 1,400 manufactured housing professionals, Secretary Carson stated the importance of manufactured housing as a source for addressing the nation's affordable housing crisis and that HUD's approach to the regulation of manufactured housing should change.

"According to the economists, we are experiencing the biggest jump in housing prices in four years – prices are rising while the supply of housing is getting smaller. It's basic supply and demand," said Secretary Carson. "That's why everyone in this audience and the manufactured housing industry is so important – and that's why I am here today. You are a big part of the solution to providing unsubsidized, quality, affordable housing."

A top priority of MHI has been creating a more cooperative regulatory environment at HUD for manufactured housing. Through ongoing outreach with the White House, HUD and

Congress, MHI has argued that the regulatory climate for manufactured housing at HUD needs to change. Secretary Carson acknowledged these effort by MHI in his remarks stating, "Your leadership and fellow members have let us know where improvement can be made and what issues need to be addressed...let me just say that as the Secretary of HUD, I hear you."

Secretary Carson also said, "HUD is now positioned to usher in a new era of cooperation and coordination with your industry. Make no mistake, we understand how you are vital to our economy and to our agency's goal of making safe, quality, desirable and affordable homes for millions of hard working Americans."

In his remarks, Secretary Carson also recognized the work the industry is doing to make homes more affordable and to create good paying jobs. He noted that the Administration appreciates all the efforts underway in the industry specifically highlighting the use of American suppliers and products when constructing manufactured homes. "You have brought the pride of craftsmanship back to our shores," said Secretary Carson.

MHI will continue to work with Congress and the Administration's key housing leaders to achieve a more cooperative regulatory environment and to ensure that HUD regulations and policies for manufactured housing do not unnecessarily burden the production or affordability of this important form of housing.

If you have any questions, please contact MHI's Government Affairs Department at 703-229-6208 or [MHIgov@mfghome.org](mailto:MHIgov@mfghome.org).

Below is a sample of what Secretary Carson tweeted during the Congress & Expo.



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