

Welcome to the April 2018 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

**Thank You!** – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

### **Manufactured Home Owners will participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Consumer Lobby Day**

Representatives of NMHOA and the state manufactured home owner associations will participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Consumer Lobby Day on May 9 in Washington, D.C. Attendees will convene on May 8 for a lobby training and a discussion of how to strength the national consumer movement, followed by a working dinner. On May 9, we will meet with members of Congress and their legislative staff to share our support for strong consumer protections, including:

- Need for strong usury protections at the state and federal level
- Our support of a strong and independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Specific bills that will impact consumer

After the lobby day, we will also participate in the Consumer Federation of America's annual Consumer Assembly on May 10-11, which will consider adopting new consumer policy positions, including several related to manufactured housing. The speakers and panels at the Consumer Assembly include leaders on consumer issues such as:

- **Attorney General Lisa Madigan**, State of Illinois
- **Congressman Jamie Raskin**, U. S. House of Representatives
- **Ann Marie Buerkle**, Acting Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- **Norm Ornstein**, Resident Scholar and Author, American Enterprise Institute
- **Scott Keeter**, Senior Survey Advisor, Pew Research Center

The lobby day is being organized by Consumer Federation of America, Americans for Financial Reform, Consumer Action, Consumers Union, National Association of Consumer Advocates, National Consumer Law Center, National Consumers League, Public Citizen, and US PIRG.

### **“Smart MH” Program Expands Homebuyer Education to Manufactured Homes**

Next Step is a national nonprofit organization working to make manufactured housing a practical, sustainable solution to the housing affordability crisis facing many Americans through a focus on consumer education, affordability and energy-efficiency. Next Step's [Smart MH](#) program, with support from Prosperity Now, will expand homebuyer education to potential manufactured homeowners. The program will help residents prepare for homeownership by pairing them with counselors who can advise them throughout the purchase process.

More information is available through their website, <https://nextstepus.org/smartmh/>, or by calling toll-free **1-844-MHTODAY**.

**Members only** – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* – this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at [admin@nmhoa.org](mailto:admin@nmhoa.org) with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.nmhoa.org/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: [www.nmhoa.org](http://www.nmhoa.org) and please “like” our facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

***If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com). Your story will inspire and educate others.***