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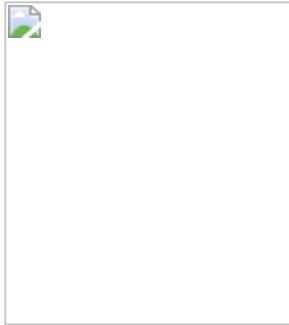
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## i'mPOWERED! January - February 2019



**NMHOA's  
President Tim  
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Welcomes You to  
i'mPOWERED!**

Welcome to NMHOA's  
educational series,

i'mPOWERED!. As they say, "knowledge is power," which inspired NMHOA to create a distinctive name for this service that combines the three words I-am-empowered.

The goal of i'mPOWERED! is to inform and educate so you have the tools to help yourself in dealing with the unique circumstances of manufactured home living. We hope you find the articles valuable and welcome your questions or suggestions for future content.

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## FEATURED ARTICLE:

### Tips in meeting with **YOUR** Legislators

The idea of meeting with state legislators is intimidating to some people. If you are feeling intimidated, that's probably because they look at legislators as "big shots," people who are too important to listen to you. The number one question that everyone asks about legislators is: "Why should they listen to me?" The truth is legislators are people just like everyone else. They love to be loved, and hate to be hated. Here are some basic tips for having your meetings with your state representatives go well:

- . **You are the Expert!** [\[...\]](#)
- . **Have a Clear and Unified Message** [\[...\]](#)
- . **Respect the Legislator's Time** [\[...\]](#)
- . **Listen to What the Legislator Says** [\[...\]](#)
- . **Tell the Truth** [\[...\]](#)
- . **Follow through on Your Commitments** [\[...\]](#)
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#### DID YOU KNOW? ...

Some National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA) members may not fully understand the relationship between NMHOA and the National Manufactured Home Owners Association state home owners' associations that exist around the country.

NMHOA is a membership-based organization. NMHOA members may be individuals who reside in manufactured homes (usually on leased land, but also in resident-owned communities and on fee simple lots); individual community home owners' associations; and statewide home owners' associations. NMHOA welcomes members from all

of these categories if their mission and goals align with the national organization, but these state and local organizations are independent entities.

NMHOA works primarily at the national level on federal policy initiatives, safety, design, and energy efficiencies of new manufactured homes, as well as providing resources to our state and local affiliates and to individual members on a variety of issue. Regardless of your membership status, you are all welcome and appreciated members of NMHOA.

## **Ask Dave**

***Q: What's the best ways to stay informed about federal legislation?***

A: Beyond finding reputable media outlets that you trust and follow regularly (outlets with well-known names that have follow a journalistic code of ethics), there are several other options for staying on top of the latest developments. For news related to manufactured housing, you can look to NMHOA to provide timely updates through its Facebook page, monthly E-Blasts, and occasional special alerts.

There are many, many additional options for receiving direct, unfiltered information, if you're willing to put in a little time yourself. Here are just a couple:

- Congress.gov – The House and Senate publish information on the status of federal legislation and your representative and senators, including bill language and committee votes.
- GovTrack.us – In addition to the same information on Congress.gov, you can use this site to track specific bills and receive alerts when they are in action. You can also get bill summaries and analysis.

If you want to learn more about these strategies, you can contact me at 202-800-9795 or [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com).

## National Manufactured Home Owners Association



*The mission of the National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA) is to promote, represent, preserve, and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home-owners throughout the United States.*

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