

March/April 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the March/April 2022 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!

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www.manufacturedhomeowners.us

Negotiations continue on 2023 federal spending bill, including future of proposed manufactured housing program

Congressional leaders expect to meet after Congress returns from recess on April 25 to continue negotiating on the **2023 federal spending bill**. Discussions so far have encountered the same disagreements that delayed the 2022 spending bill almost six months. However, leaders hope to find an agreement on overall funding amounts by May and draft spending bills by June.

One proposal still awaiting action since last year is a **Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant** program to address critical health and safety issues. Manufactured home park communities would be eligible for an improvement grant if they are either resident-owned or enter into a binding agreement to be maintained as a manufactured home community and remain affordable for low-income families.

Contact your Member of Congress and ask that they support funding of affordable housing, including the Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant program. Find your Member of Congress: [HERE](#)

U.S. DOE to publish preferred option for energy efficiency standards

The **Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)** directed the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** to establish energy conservation standards for manufactured housing based on the most recent version of the **International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**. The DOE has prepared a final **environmental impact statement (EIS)** analyzing the potential impacts of proposed options for new standards, responding to public comments, and identifying its preferred option.

The EIS evaluates alternative approaches to establishing energy conservation standards for manufactured housing (including energy conservation standards that are tiered based on the manufacturers' retail list price, standards that are tiered based on size of the manufactured home, and untiered energy conservation standards) and a no action alternative. The EIS presents analyses of potential impacts related to: (1) energy resources; (2) air resources (including greenhouse gases, climate change, ambient air quality and indoor air quality); (3) health and safety; (4) socioeconomics; and (5) environmental justice.

The final EIS includes the information presented in the draft EIS as well as further analyses developed in response to public comments on the draft EIS. In addition, the final EIS identifies DOE's preferred alternative. A summary of relevant public comments on the draft EIS, together with DOE responses is included in the final EIS. The final EIS is being used to inform DOE's decision on the energy conservation standards for manufactured housing.

The final EIS can be accessed via the EIS webpage at: <https://ecs-mh.evs.anl.gov>.

Stay Connected with the I'M HOME Network

Under the leadership of Prosperity Now, the Innovations in Manufactured Homes (I'M HOME) network developed into the nation's leading resource for manufactured housing policy education, programming, communications, and events. I'M HOME brought together a network of homeowners, advocates, developers, and others by uniting the efforts of NMHOA, ROC USA, Next Step, NeighborWorks, National Consumer Law Center, and others.

Over the next few months, hosting of this network will transition to the [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#). Through research, education, publications, and events, Lincoln works to make communities more equitable, and they recognize that manufactured housing can contribute meaningfully to this goal. Lincoln's president, George "Mac" McCarthy, is a longtime ally of the field and was one of the key supporters of I'M HOME's founding. Recently, the Lincoln Institute supported the [Underserved Mortgage Markets Coalition](#), which pushes for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to take on a bigger role in securing [housing finance opportunities](#) for those traditionally unserved by the private market, such as manufactured housing.

To stay connected with the network, you must [sign up for the new I'M HOME mailing list](#). After you have signed up, make sure to check your inbox **and click the confirmation link in the email from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy** (if you think you already signed up, please make sure you completed this last step).

CFA's Annual Meeting & Consumer Assembly

The Consumer Federation of America will hold its annual meeting virtually on Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will include updates on CFA's activities and finances as well as a vote on board officers and directors. It will also be an opportunity to meet and hear from CFA's new Chief Executive Officer/President, Susan Weinstock. Registration for the meeting and the Nomination Committees' recommended slate of CFA Officers and Directors will be available next month.

Normally the annual membership meeting follows the annual Consumer Assembly. However, this year, the 56th annual Consumer Assembly will again be held in-person on Wednesday, June 15 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, DC. A virtual option will still be available for those who are unable or not comfortable attending in person. The schedule and registration information will be made available soon.

Resources for nonpartisan voter and candidate activities

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) has launched a webinar series, *Our Homes, Our Votes*, to provide information on how to carry out nonpartisan work to increase voter participation

among low-income renters and educate candidates about housing issues. The *Our Homes, Our Votes: 2022* webinar series features experts with frontline election experience who will walk through every step of voter and candidate engagement activities and support housing organizations' nonpartisan election efforts. [Join today](#)'s webinar (Monday, April 18) at 2:30 pm ET to learn how to develop a comprehensive voter and candidate engagement plan.

[Read more of this article here](#)

Join NMHOA Legislative Committee: 1st Wednesday of the Month

NMHOA is the nation-wide membership based organization representing and advocating for manufactured home owners. Our mission is to promote, represent, preserve, and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home-owners throughout the United States. The first Wednesday of every month, we hold a Legislative Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

These meetings involve a range of activities, including identifying possible national legislative activity, working with national legislative allies, supporting state and local legislative efforts, and encouraging people from across the country to share successful strategies. Residents can join these meetings by:

- Video – [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: HOME)
- Phone – [Find your local number](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: 208610)

Stay informed about the Coronavirus

All forms of media are now dominated with information about the coronavirus, but some less reputable sources are spreading incomplete, misleading, false, or even malicious information. Stay informed but make sure that you are relying on reputable sources and, ideally, confirming the information with at least two sources. A couple of the best sources are the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [your own state health department](#).

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 david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/> 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. Your story will inspire and educate others.