

May 2023 E-Blast

Welcome to the May 2023 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!

The NMHOA web site address is now:

www.nmhoa.org

NMHOA recently redesigned and expanded our web site. Please take a minute to complete a survey about how we can use our web site, newsletter, and social media to provide you with better information and opportunities for engagement. [Tell us what you think!](#)

Federal debt ceiling agreement caps spending for 2 years

Congress passed and **President Joe Biden** signed an agreement to lift the **federal debt ceiling** until 2025 in exchange for capping federal spending programs at 2023 budget levels for the 2024 budget and allowing an only 1% increase in spending for 2025. Without action, the U.S. government would have defaulted on its debt obligations causing significant economic fallout.

The **U.S. House of Representatives** had originally proposed a one-year increase in the debt ceiling in exchange for cuts in domestic spending that would have reduced **HUD's affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs** of between 22% and 30%. While these deep cuts were not made, flat funding does not keep up with increasing costs, such as the dramatic increases in rent over recent years, and therefore reduces the number of people served by these programs.

[Urge Congress to Increase – Not Cut – Investments in Affordable Housing in Fiscal Year 2024](#)

Congress asked to continue PRICE Act funding

When Congress approved a 2023 federal budget in December, it include creation of the **Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE)** program. The program provides the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** with \$225 million to make grants to manufactured home park communities for projects that protect the health and safety of community residents and promote the long-term sustainability of the communities.

The program was created in response to the desperate need for long-term infrastructure investments and in recognition of the important role manufactured housing plans in providing homes for low-income families with children, veterans, people with disabilities and the elderly. Immediately, resident-owned manufactured home communities, tribes, local government, cooperatives, CDFIs, nonprofits, and other eligible parties began developing plans to apply to the program, in order improve infrastructure, energy efficiency, or home quality.

We urge Congress to turn this initial investment into an ongoing commitment by renewing the program's \$225 million funding as it begins work on the **2024 federal budget**. We thank **U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto** for rallying her colleagues to provide continued program for the program.

Provide input on renter protections for federally-backed loans

The **Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA)** [announced](#) a [Request for Input \(RFI\)](#) regarding ways the agency can create and enforce renter protections for households living in rental properties with federally-backed mortgages, such as manufactured home parks. Residents, advocates, and other interested parties have until July 31, 2023 to provide comments to FHFA and help to create strong renter protections. Some key renter protections include:

- Source-of-income protections to prohibit landlords from discriminating against households receiving housing assistance and to give families greater choice about where they live;
- “Good cause” eviction standards
- The right to renew leases to help protect renters from housing instability
- Anti-rent gouging protections to stop landlords from dramatically raising rents; and
- Requirements to ensure housing is safe, decent, accessible, and healthy for renters and their families.

More than 12 million renters live in properties with federally-backed loans, so renter protections adopted by FHFA would cover a significant share of all renters across the nation. Landlords, park owners, and business interests will come out in full force to try to stop FHFA from protecting renters. It is critical that residents and advocates take action and make their voices heard! You can do so by:

- **Submitting public comments by July 31** – You can use NLIHC’s [sample comment letter](#) to craft your comment and submit it using <https://tenantcomment.org>
- **Sign on to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) [national support letter](#)** – Endorse NLIHC’s comments to FHFA.
- **Join NLIHC’s weekly working group on renter protections** – The working group meets Wednesdays at 4:00 pm Eastern Time. Register for the weekly meeting [here](#).
- **Share this information with other residents and advocates** – Encourage your neighbors and allies to also demand federal renter protections.

Join NMHOA’s Legislative Committee Meeting on June 6

Manufactured home owners are encouraged to join **NMHOA’s Legislative Committee**. The committee discusses local, state, and federal legislative and policy changes. Any manufactured home owner from any state can participate in the committee. (NMHOA’s federal legislative priorities are summarized on our web site [HERE](#).)

June Committee Meeting

NMHOA’s next Legislative Committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 6. Meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of the month, but is being held one day earlier this month. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern), 7:00 p.m. (Central), 6:00 p.m. (Mountain), 5:00 p.m. (Pacific).

At this meeting, we will discuss:

- **Results of State Legislative Sessions** -- Most state’s sessions will now be done: what passed? what didn’t? what next?
- **NMHOA’s National Legislative Action Week** -- We will discuss plans for a week of virtual meetings with members of Congress in support of federal legislation (including fair lending and resident park purchases)

- **Steps to Engage More Manufactured Home Owners** -- Discuss ideas, such as creating legislative newsletter, regular calls to action, providing lobbying tips, hearing from public officials, etc.

**[Join Legislative Committee meetings
using this Zoom link](#)**

NMHOA participates in 2023 Consumer Assembly

NMHOA representatives participated in the **Consumer Federation of America** hosted **57th annual Consumer Assembly** on May 16 and 17 in Washington, DC. The conference included members of Congress, a variety of consumer advocates, agency representatives, and state regulators.

The keynote speakers were Senators Edward Markey (MA), Cory Booker (NJ), and Sherrod Brown (OH), Consumer Product Safety Commissioner Richard L. Trumka, Jr., and U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Sandra Eskin.

Panel discussions covered a wide range of consumer protection issues, including defending the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission's consumer protection priorities, ensuring the regulatory system works for consumers, climate change risk and the growing home owner insurance gap, and more.

Watch the full conference [HERE](#).

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](#).

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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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: dave.anderson@nmhoa.org. Your story will inspire and educate others.

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