



# FAIR HOUSING

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## HUD FAIR Housing Enforcement Actions

The following are adapted from recent HUD Press Releases

**IDAHO** – HUD has charged the owners and managers of a rental home in Nampa, Idaho with violating the Fair Housing Act by refusing to rent the home to a married couple because they have children. [Read the charge.](#)

The case came to HUD's attention when a mother of seven went to visit the four bedroom home with two of her children. The manager then asked them if the two children with her were her only children. According to the charge, when the woman replied that she and her husband had seven children, the manager immediately gestured that she should stop completing the application and told her that he

did not want to waste their time, as the owners had set a four-children limit for the home.

When the mother later sent a text message to the manager stating that the law generally allows two people per room, so the house has more than enough space, the manager allegedly replied, "Sorry, I'm just following the contract my parents have written out."

**MINNESOTA** – HUD also reached an agreement between a Minneapolis apartment owner and a female tenant who alleged the landlord solicited sex from her in exchange for a reduction in her rent. [Read the Voluntary Conciliation Agreement.](#)

This case came to HUD's attention when a woman filed a complaint alleging that her landlord sexually harassed her while she was living in one of his apartments by requesting sex from her in exchange for a reduction in her rent.

Under the terms of the agreement, the landlord, who denied the allegations, will pay \$30,000 to the woman and \$7,000 to her attorney. The agreement also requires that the landlord contract with a licensed, independent third-party real estate management company to manage all of his residential properties for the next five years.

To see all HUD press releases, [click here.](#)



# Administration Officials and Members of Congress “Wowed” by Manufactured Housing

Earlier this month, MHI’s Homes on the Hill Legislative Fly-In coincided with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson’s “Innovative Housing Showcase.”

HUD Secretary Carson highlighted manufactured housing in his opening remarks, stating “In recent years, manufactured housing is one solution that has emerged out of the limestone and stepped into the limelight - carrying the potential to permanently change the cost side of the equation.” He continued, “These dramatic cost savings in construction enable responsible citizens to secure housing that may be considerably less expensive than renting or purchasing a site-built home.”

[Click here](#) to watch Secretary Carson touring the homes and hear more of his remarks.

MHI worked with its members to ensure HUD Code manufactured homes were the centerpiece of this inaugural event, resulting in three fully-furnished HUD Code manufactured homes on display on America’s front lawn—the National Mall. Cavco Industries partnered with UMH Properties to display a single-section home and Skyline Champion partnered with MHI’s National Communities Council members to display a multi-section home and a “new class” home.

During an Open House hosted by MHI on the National Mall, Members of Congress, including Representatives Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Marc Veasey (D-TX), Michael Guest (R-MS), and Robert Aderholt (R-AL), walked from meetings and votes on Capitol Hill to learn more about the quality and attainability of today’s manufactured homes.

The event was emceed by Jimmy Kemp, President of the Jack Kemp Foundation, who had served as the leader of President Trump’s transition team at HUD. Members of Congress were joined by Acting Deputy Secretary Brian Montgomery, Executive Director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council Scott Turner, and other senior Administration and White House officials who toured the homes.

[Click here](#) to see a clip containing the remarks of Members of Congress that toured the homes during MHI’s Open House.

And [click here](#) to watch UMH Properties President and CEO Sam Landy talk about the importance of land-lease communities.

An average of 1,000 people per day toured the homes over the five-day period, including Administration officials, Members of Congress, and the general public.