

Build-to-Rent Exemption Opens the Door for Institutional Capital

New federal policy draws a clear line between scattered-site rentals and purpose-built communities, creating major tailwinds for build-to-rent.

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A Defining Policy Distinction

New federal housing policy aims to curb institutional ownership of for-sale homes, but purpose-built rental communities are explicitly exempt.

Why It Matters:

- Scattered-site portfolios face headwinds
- Purpose-built BTR communities get a green light
- Institutional strategies are already shifting to new construction



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Capital is Pivoting. **Fast.**

The exemption makes BTR the clearest path for institutional investment. Institutions can pivot to BTR very easily, and many already have.

Market Impacts:

- Heightened demand for BTR-appropriate land
- Accelerating development of townhomes, bungalows and SFR communities
- Suburban parcels become increasingly competitive



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Supply Stays the Central Challenge

Regulatory barriers continue to restrict new housing supply, but the BTR exemption protects the developers actually adding units.

What to Watch:

- Long-term legislative impacts
- Potential unintended consequences for SFR markets
- Municipal responses as BTR absorbs more institutional activity

THE TAKEAWAY

Build-to-rent now sits at the center of the national housing strategy. With institutions redirecting capital toward new rental communities, developers and landowners are positioned for significant momentum.

BTR isn't just insulated — it's favored.

"This is great for the build-to-rent segment... This legislation could make institutions hyper focused on BTR."

Trevor Koskovich

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