

A scenic mountain landscape. In the center, a sharp, snow-capped mountain peak rises above a layer of white clouds. The foreground and middle ground show steep, green slopes covered in dense evergreen trees. A small, dark wooden cabin is visible on a grassy slope on the right. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Policy and Politics – What to Know and Why You Should Care

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Agenda

New RESNET Board Policies on Quality Assurance

- Builder Notification of Investigations
- Define Rating Companies
- Time Limit for Rating Alterations
- Transfer of Rater of Record
- Industry QA Report

Federal Program Update

LBA/RESNET Taskforce

- February 2025 Memo from LBA to RESNET Outlined Key Urgent Concerns:
 - Rater Performance and Accountability Processes
 - Looking for more transparency
 - Accountability Focus Areas not Compatible with Builder Risk/Concerns
 - Quality of Inspections and Reliability of Reports Must Improve
 - Scrutiny Related to 45L Tax Credits Increasing Builder Risk



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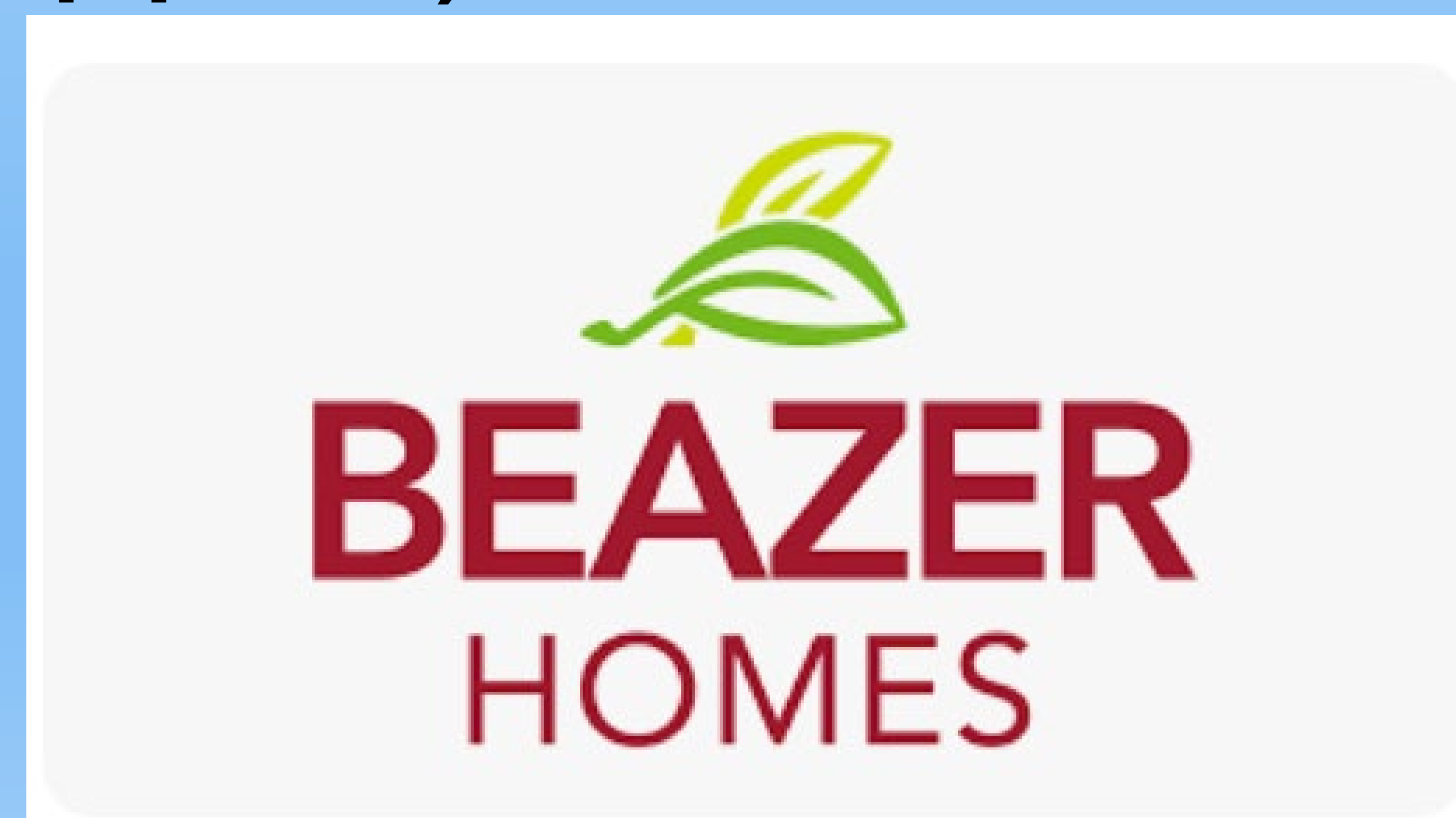
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RESNET Board Adopted Policy Timeline

- 4/17/2025 RESNET Board Adopts Time Limit on Homes Removed/Altered in the RESNET Registry
 - Two Year Limit From “Date Rated”
 - Limits Risk Exposure for Builders Monetizing or Reporting Results

RESNET Board Adopted Policy Timeline

- 4/17/2025 RESNET Board Adopts Definition of Rating Company
- Issue: Builders sign contracts with companies, not individuals (typically). These Companies do not have a standing with RESNET and exist largely outside of RESNET's Disciplinary Process (unless they are an Accredited Provider)
- **HERS Rating Company:** Any legally recognized business entity authorized to provide HERS Rating, HERSH20, or HERS Carbon Rating verification services under a RESNET Trademark Agreement with Rating Companies.

RESNET Board Adopted Policy Timeline

- 5/19/2025 RESNET Board Adopts Notification of Affected Builders and/or Clients
 - Rating Companies will be obligated to notify affected builder clients when an investigation is opened

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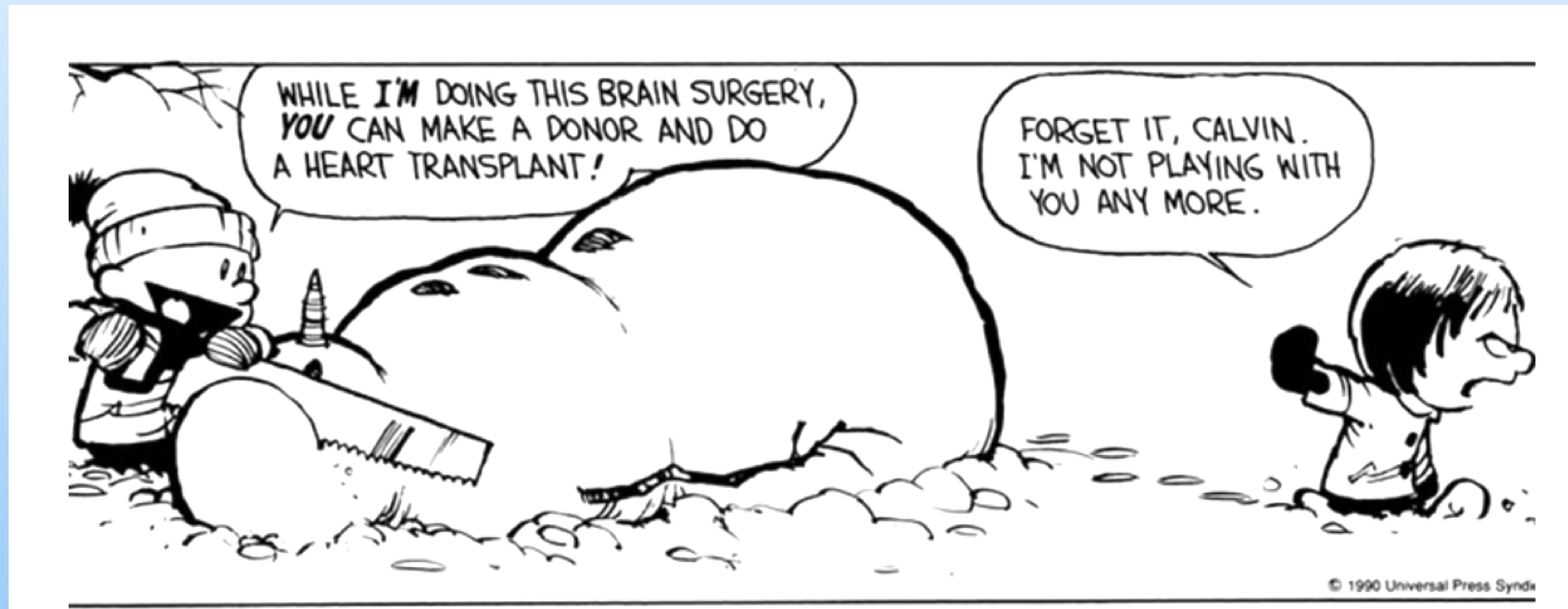
- 9/03/2025 RESNET Board Adopts Transfer of Rater of Record
- Intended to Provide Builders a path forward for instances where the initial rater/rating company is unable to provide the rest of the rating service.
 - Examples include: rating company goes out of business, is facing suspension, or sole proprietor has a health emergency

RESNET Board Adopted Policy Timeline

- 9/03/2025 RESNET Board Adopts Industry QA Report to Stakeholders
- Broad Quality Assurance trends and categories of the non-compliance being investigated

Update on Federal Programs





Calvin tries to be Doctor Frankenstein in Calvin and Hobbes.
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Update on Federal Programs

- Currently, RESNET's expectation is to continue submitting ENERGY STAR homes to HOST through 2026.
- HOST is funded
- Strong support for the ENERGY STAR program from stakeholders, including utilities

Q&A



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