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Memo: Statements Concerning AB500

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Subject: Testimony to the Assembly Committee on Transportation

Canadian American Homes produces a variety of modular homes ranging in size from 1500 to 2400 square feet. These homes are shipped in two major pieces each load weighing in the 60,000 to 70,000 pound range. Transportation Bill AB500 allows for the occasional transport of loads exceeding the 80,000 pound limit up to 110,000 pounds inclusive of the trailer and truck.

Canadian American Homes is a new start up located in the Facility which was Liberty Homes until 2014. Liberty homes produced many different types of homes including single and double wide manufactured homes as well as Modular and 20 foot wide units for the Canadian Market. The Liberty workforce numbered 100 during their more successful years. Canadian American Homes is hoping to reach a workforce size of 150 over the next three years.

The following are the main points offered by Canadian American Homes in support of the Transportation Bill AB500:

#### **Potential Economic Impact**

During the last year of production our facility shipped 22 of the 20 foot wide units to Canada. This represents \$1,760,000. In shipments which is about 10% of our annual shipment forecast. If we have to curtail these shipments than we would be forced to reduce the manpower in the operation.

#### **Job Creation**

Our potential employment figures are 150 people a portion of this headcount would be supported by the shipment of the 20 wide units. If AB500 is not passed we would have to reduce our employment

figures and these jobs would most probably be picked up by our competitor in Minnesota who can transport these and larger units without any problem.

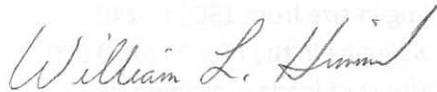
### **Benefits of Exports**

The benefits of exports are many however in regard to Wisconsin the immediate impact is in the creation of jobs and the balance of trade.

### **Past Performance of Shipping**

In the past there have been no negative issues with regard to shipping these units to Canada. The permits have been issued and the performance of the shipping company has been free of any problems or issues with regard to the transport of the loads.

Minnesota has allowed these loads, and continues to do so, without any problems.



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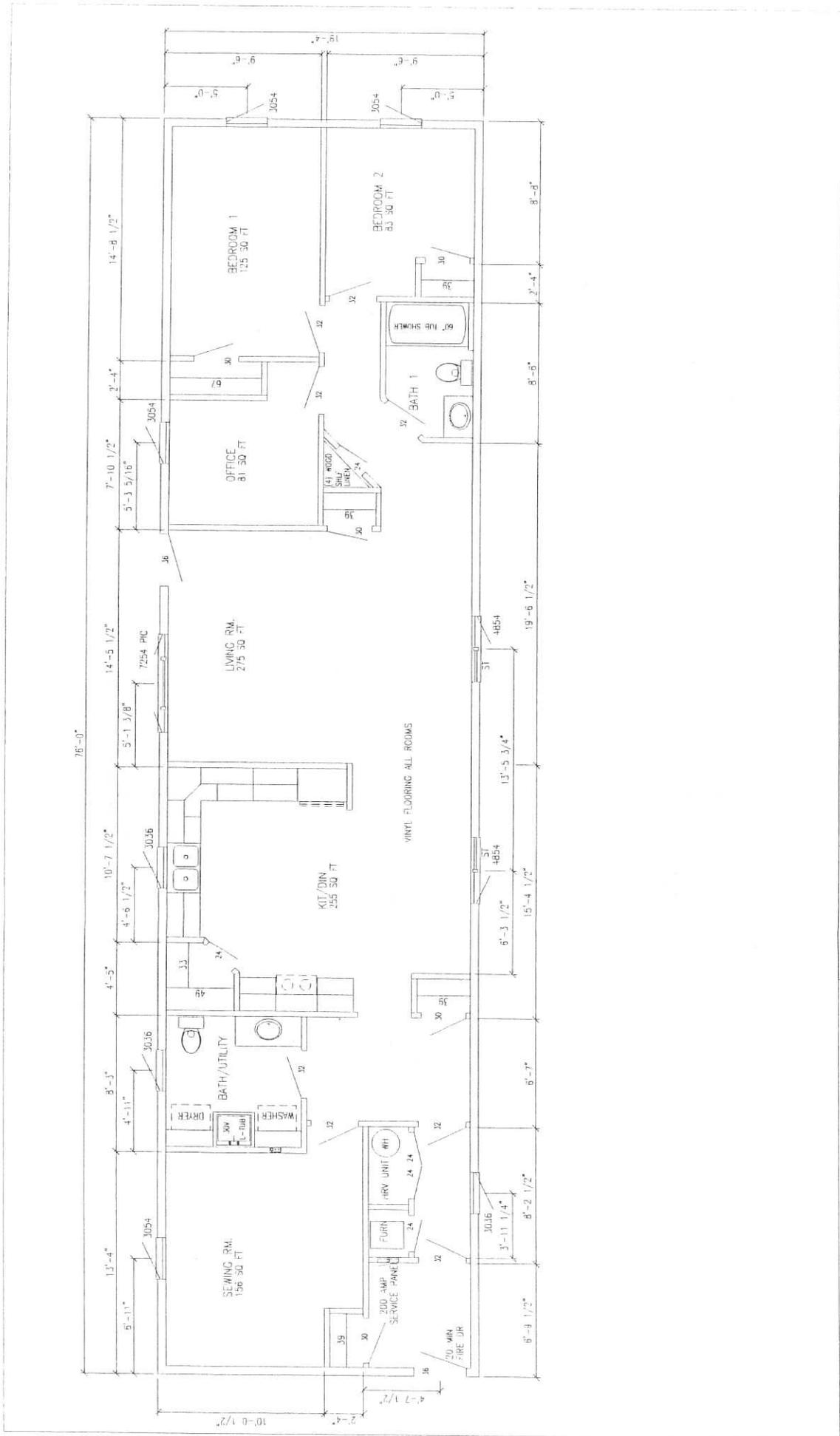
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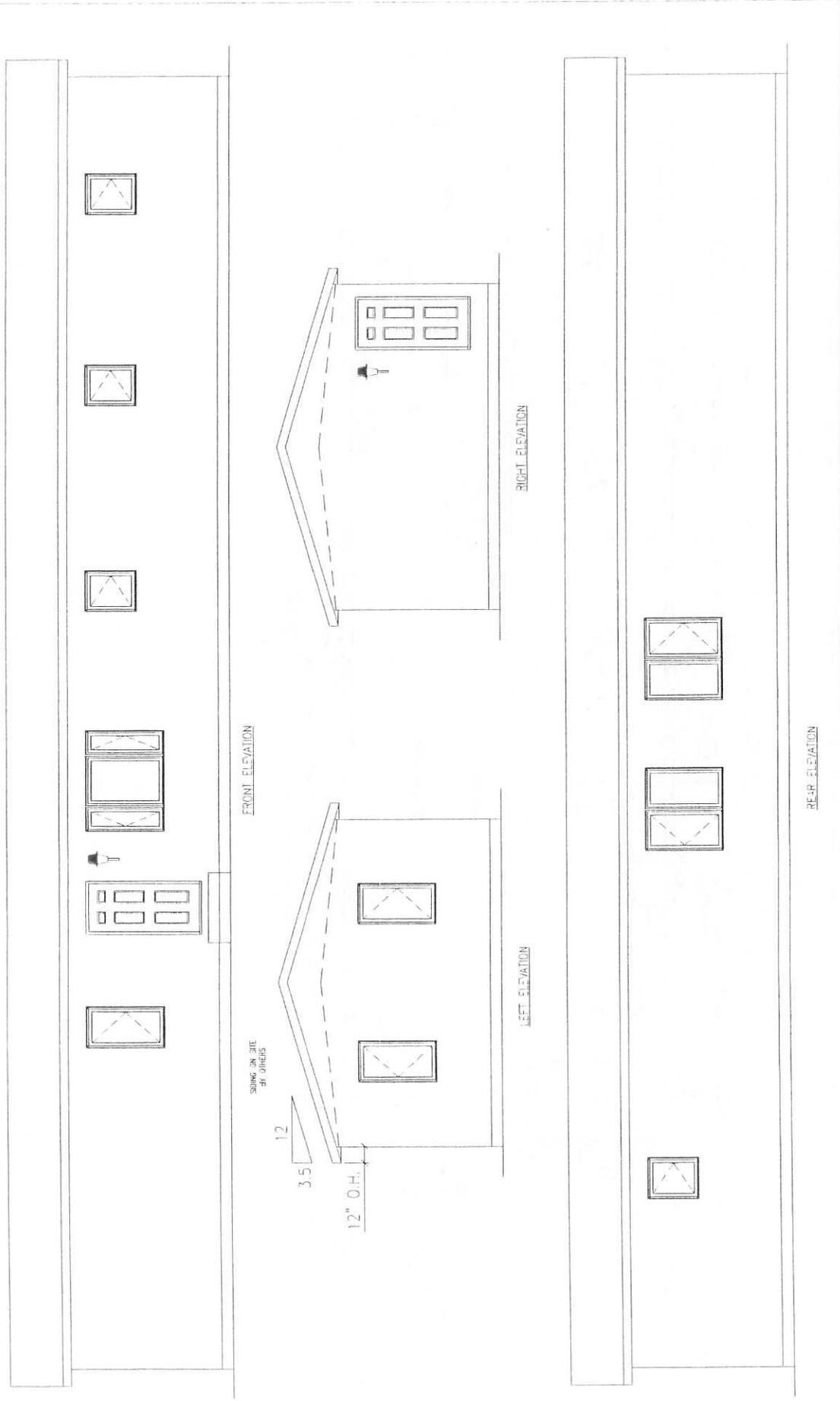
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