

# The Single-Family Home Gets Caught in a Political Vise

Within the Senate's housing bill lie the terms of an unusual debate: Who gets to own — and live in — single-family homes?



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Conor Dougherty attended the build-to-rent trade show in Nashville at the same time that Ronda Kaysen was tracking the housing legislation moving through Congress.



At an industry conference in Nashville last week called IMN's [Build-to-Rent](#) trade show, attendees fumed at the plan to require builders to sell rental houses to individuals. "If this bill passes as is, I can't really grow," said Richard Ross, the chief executive of [Quinn Residences](#), which owns about 5,300 single-family houses in rental communities across the Southeast.

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"[The desire to live in a single-family home] 'is the DNA of America,'" — *Richard Ross, CEO of Quinn Residences.*



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