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House Oversight Committee
Attention: Chairman Hixon

Dear Mr. Chairman Hixon,

Individuals selling automobiles without a license is a common problem in South Carolina. An automobile may very well be the largest expenditure for many people in South Carolina as they may not own a home. An automobile transaction is both important and can be complex. It is necessary that individuals who are selling automobiles are licensed and regulated. South Carolina's consumers are put at risk by individuals who never bother to get licensed or observe our laws and regulations that govern automobile transactions. Those very "curbstoners" selling without being licensed may very well be doing so because they have a criminal record.

The South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association supports more enforcement on those selling automobiles without a Dealer license. Possible legislation could say that all automobile Dealer laws and regulations also apply to any individual who sells more than five automobiles in a year. Thereby closing the loophole and holding them accountable. Also another concept that would likely get curbstoners out of the marketplace would be \$1,000 bounty for anyone turning in someone who is a curbstoner. The bounty would be split between the local law enforcement agency and the individual who reports it. Broadly speaking, changing the law and allowing local law enforcement and SCDMV the authority to enforce the law and offering an incentive to the public to report curbstoning would likely result in a quick and efficient cleanup of the marketplace. Several states including Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas have taken steps to eliminate illegal sales, even allowing the seizure of the cars.

Mr. Chairman thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns and for the interest by the Committee to protect South Carolinians from unscrupulous individuals circumventing our laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

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