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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 516 (Mullin): Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to join Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety (CARS) in respectfully requesting your veto of AB 516 (Mullin). This bill would unfairly penalize consumers when they do not receive their permanent license plates within the 90-day deadline.

I am a consumer attorney in the Los Angeles area and represent mostly middle and low-income consumers in cases of Car Dealer Fraud. I have practiced in this area for fourteen years and regularly see cases in which dealers fail to transfer registration and title to car buyers. Buyers often do not receive permanent plates for many months and sometimes years, if ever.

The common theme in these cases is that the local DMV field offices cannot or do not help resolve the problem. The buyers then face a stream of problems, including but not limited to, insurance cancellation, traffic stops, parking tickets, and denial of parking (and tickets) by their Homeowners Associations.

When I begin working on these cases, I provide a copy of the demand letter, detailing the dealers' noncompliance, to the DMV Investigations Unit. In the fourteen years I have been practicing in this area, the DMV has not helped resolve a single case. They rarely respond and when they do, it is usually after the case is closed.

I am happy to provide more details upon request. I can be reached at (310) 559-4529 or dvaldez@valdezlegal.com.

Sincerely,



David Valdez Jr.