

June 26, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor, State of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: HB 1898 – Auto Safety Recalls – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Wolf:

I strongly urge you to veto HB 1898, which would give car dealers in Pennsylvania a new “safe harbor” for selling dangerous recalled used cars, regardless how unsafe they are and the risks they pose to the owners, their passengers, and others who share the roads.

Pennsylvanians who cannot afford a new car or simply prefer to purchase a used car and their families need and deserve the same level of safety as those who purchase brand new cars. All safety recalls involving motor vehicles are serious, and should not be dismissed cavalierly simply because the car is used.

It is a violation of federal law for anyone to sell any other recalled product, such as toys, stoves, lawnmowers, or other consumer products. It is also a violation of federal law for car dealers to sell unrepaired recalled new cars, and for rental car companies with fleets of 35 or more vehicles to rent, loan, or sell any vehicle that is subject to a federal safety recall.

Allowing car dealers to sell what is arguably the most dangerous consumer product of all if they merely include a document (in English only) hidden in a stack of papers presented for a signature after a consumer has been on the car lot for hours, and has already committed to a purchase or lease, is a recipe for disaster.

Similar bills have been rejected in many other states, or had the dangerous safety recall language removed.

Passage of this profoundly anti-consumer, anti-safety measure would be an open invitation for large car dealership chains to ship dangerous recalled cars into Pennsylvania for sale at top dollar, secure in the knowledge they would face little or no risk of being held accountable in a court of law, endangering more lives.

Sincerely,



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