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SB 134 A: Support, if improved

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, if it is improved as we suggest below. The bill subjects motor vehicle seller and buyer to certain conditions contingent on lender's agreement or failure to agree to purchase retail installment contract or lease agreement for motor vehicle.

This bill allows the car dealer to notify the buyer about the lack of financing via by first class mail or "written electronic communication." That term is not defined. So car dealers can claim they sent email, even if the buyer does not get it.

The provision allowing notification to the buyer by "written electronic communication" should be deleted or should be replaced with "written electronic communication with receipt acknowledged by the buyer." It should be simple for the dealer to prompt the buyer to acknowledge receipt. The email to the buyer could state:

We have been unable to arrange financing for your car, so you need to return it to us as soon as possible. We may be able to make other arrangements, so please contact us by replying to this email.

Any reply to the email would be an acknowledgment of its receipt.

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