

OHIO AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION



Testimony Before the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee

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Good morning Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman Manning, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the committee. My name is Joe Cannon. I am the Vice President of Government Relations for the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association. On behalf of our over 830 franchised dealer members, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today.

I am here to express our support for House Bill 251, which as you know would shorten the period of limitations for actions upon a contract. We do ask, however, for a clarification. In House Bill 251, actions arising out of a consumer transaction incurred primarily for personal, family or household purposes shall commence within six years. Under the Consumer Sales Practices Act (1345.01), which also governs these types of transactions, actions must commence within two years. Damages under the CSPA include treble damages and the statute is construed liberally to prevent unfair and deceptive acts or practices. In order to avoid uncertainty for dealers and other businesses, we ask that you clarify that the new timelines in House Bill 251 do not apply to claims made under the CSPA.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I will be happy to entertain any questions.