

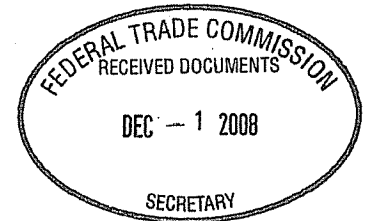


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Via Electronic Transmission

Re: Request for Public Comments, Used Car Rule Regulatory Review, Matter No. P087604

Dear Mr. Clark:

As the Administrator of the Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs, I am writing to support the comments submitted on November 19, 2008 by Consumer Action, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, Consumer Federation of America, Consumer Federation of California, national Consumer Law Center, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Watsonville Law Center. We agree that modification and enforcement of the Used Car Rule is vitally important to protect the public from deceptive auto sales that cost our nation billions of dollars each year, endanger lives, and sometimes cause serious injuries and fatalities.

Our office often hears from consumers who have been victimized by auto fraud involving the sales of used cars. The recommendations of the above groups will tremendously assist law enforcement offices around the country in protecting consumers from such fraud.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We urge the FTC to act to improve protections for America's used car buyers. Please keep us advised about future actions the agency takes regarding the Used Car Rule.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bowman
Administrator