

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1215 (Blumenfield) –SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown,

I am writing on behalf of the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) to urge your support of AB 1215. This legislation will help ensure that prospective car buyers obtain crucial information about the vehicle's history prior to engaging in negotiations, rather than hours later, when the negotiations have already concluded.

Specifically this bill will require new and used car dealers in California to obtain reports from the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) for each used vehicle they offer for sale, and provide a warning on those vehicles which meet one of the following criteria:

- When a NMVTIS vehicle history report indicates that the vehicle is or has been a junk or salvage automobile
- When the vehicle has been reported to NMVTIS as a junk or salvage automobile by a junk yard, salvage yard, or insurance carrier pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30504
- When the vehicle's certificate of title contains a brand, such as "salvage," "flood," or "lemon law buyback"

For consumers, a car is usually the second most significant purchase they will ever make, after a home. Knowing whether or not a car has ever been considered a "total loss" right up front is basic information that consumers should have before even beginning negotiations on price.

We request your approval of AB 1215, which will benefit car buyers, as well as honest auto dealers.

Sincerely,

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