

Patrick and Melissa Patton  
Salem, Marion County  
Testimony in Support of HB2975

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

We are Oregon consumers and residents of Salem, Oregon. We purchased an RV on September 27, 2016 from Northwest RV Sales in Salem. We obtained financing through our credit union and payment was made to the dealership for our RV. The dealership never delivered title after our purchase.

After not receiving title, our bank was worried about not having their collateral. We contacted the DMV to figure out what was going on. We found out that the dealership was shut down shortly after our purchase. The DMV referred us to an investigator at the Department of Justice as well as the DMV investigator who was working this case. We contacted both agencies about getting our title. Neither of them could help and they both told us that we needed to hire a private attorney.

We later found out that the RV was being sold on consignment and the dealer did not have the title from the prior owner. Luckily, we were able to find an attorney to represent us pro bono and we eventually got our title.

We ask for your support of HB2975 so that buyers like us will have easier access to a solution if this happens to them.

Thank you,

Patrick and Melissa Patton