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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Rep. Ted Harhai
Date: January 26, 2011
Subject: Recreational Vehicle Lemon Law

In the near future, I intend to reintroduce the “Recreational Vehicle Lemon Law.” Unfortunately, recreational vehicle (RV) owners have no rights when it comes to the cost of repairs required as a result of manufacture’ defects. It is my belief that such a measure is needed to protect those consumers who invest such a large sum in these vehicles.

Under my legislation, the Attorney General is required to develop and publish a statement outlining the purchaser’s rights with regard to repairs in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Manufactures will be required to provide a copy of the Attorney General’s statement as well as information on zone offices that the purchaser may contact regarding remedies provided through this bill. Manufactures will be required to repair, at no cost to the purchaser, any defects or conditions that appear within one year of the delivery of the vehicle to the purchaser or within the first 12,000 miles or during the term of the warranty. In order to qualify under this act, the defects must substantially impede the purchaser’s ability to use the vehicle. Each time a vehicle is returned by the purchaser for repair, the dealer or manufacturer must provide an itemized statement of all work performed as well as parts and labor. If, after a reasonable number of attempts, a manufacturer is unable to correct a defect, the manufacturer must provide either a comparable replacement vehicle or a refund, at the option of the purchaser. My bill also provides for an informal dispute procedure as well as a civil cause of action in those cases where the manufacturer fails to comply with these provisions.

Many individuals purchase RVs, planning to spend much of their retirement traveling our great nation. These are extremely expensive and require significant investment from the purchaser. It

is unfair that they must then spend thousands of dollars for repairs which are needed to correct defects that occur during the manufacture of these vehicles.

If you wish to join me in this effort, please contact Elisa Klee in my office at 717-772-2820 or EKlee@pahouse.net.

PLEASE NOTE THIS BILL WAS HOUSE BILL 631 of 2009 AND THE FOLLOWING WERE COSPONSORS: HARHAI , BEYER , BRENNAN , BUXTON , CALTAGIRONE , CARROLL , COHEN , FRANKEL , GOODMAN, GRUCELA , HALUSKA , HESS , W. KELLER , KILLION , KOTIK , KULA , MAHONEY , MANDERINO , McGEEHAN , MELIO , MILLARD , MURT , MYERS , PALLONE , PAYNE , PETRARCA , READSHAW , SCAVELLO , SIPTROTH , SONNEY , STABACK , VULAKOVICH , WALKO , CREIGHTON , KORTZ , K. SMITH , WANSACZ and BEAR