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Film Screening/Forum on Auto Sales Fraud at Reid Temple AME on Sept. 24

Baltimore, MD: The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (MCRC) will present a special screening of “Driven to Defraud,” MCRC’s powerful documentary film that shows consumers how auto sales fraud happens and what they need to do to avoid being ripped-off when they buy their next new or used car, on Wed. Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center of the Reid Temple AME Church, 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, MD 20769.

“Driven to Defraud” explains how yo-yo sales, interest rate mark-ups, rebuilt wrecks, and other car sales scams work -- through the eyes of car-buyers who have been victimized and advocates, attorneys and honest auto dealers working to stop the fraud. The film also offers consumers concrete tips on how to get a good deal next time they go to a showroom.

“Auto sales fraud makes it more difficult -- and often much more expensive -- for many working families to buy the cars they need to reach good job opportunities and get access to quality goods and services,” MCRC Executive Director Marceline White notes. “This film gives consumers and policymakers the tools they need to help identify and stop auto sales scams.”

The screening/discussion event is free and open to all. It will feature a question-and-answer session on consumer concerns about auto sales fraud and about how Maryland policymakers can do more to protect car-buyers against such abuses.

The film was directed and edited by John A. Spillane and produced by the Megaphone Project for the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (MCRC) in 2013.

You can see a 90-second preview trailer for the film here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6Lti1UCNPg>

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