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Dear Regulatory Reform Committee,

We at Project GREEN, Grassroots Economic Empowerment Network, are very concerned about this HB 5097 proposing to allow yet another payday loan product. We have spoken to many people who are already caught in 2 payday loan traps with 390% interest rates, requiring them to roll over their loans every 2 weeks for 6 months. Please don't allow these stores to start offering 2 more high-interest loans at higher amounts! This supposed "emergency" help does more to CREATE emergencies.

The bill claims to offer 11% service fee, but does not show the APR that would result. Nor does it offer consumer protections such as checking the borrower's ability to repay, or anything to keep these loans from rolling over frequently with new fees each time.

Let's keep Michigan loans regulated by the current provisions of the Loan Act and not allow predatory lenders a way into more of our citizens' pockets.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dallas Lenear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dallas" being more prominent than the last name "Lenear".

Dallas Lenear
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR