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OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 27, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2561A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

While HB 2561A aims to reinforce consumer protection laws by rejecting federal deregulation and expanding oversight on lenders, it ultimately increases government regulation in a way that could harm Oregon's lending market. By imposing stricter licensing requirements, additional compliance costs, and bureaucratic hurdles, the bill risks driving small lenders out of the market and reducing consumer access to loans. This could disproportionately impact borrowers with lower credit scores who rely on alternative lending options.

Furthermore, by rejecting federal lending provisions and expanding state control, HB 2561A limits consumer choice and interferes with free-market principles. The added regulatory burden may discourage investment in Oregon's lending industry, reducing competition and potentially leading to higher borrowing costs. Rather than over-regulating an essential sector, we should focus on policies that balance consumer protection with financial accessibility and economic growth. For these reasons, I am voting **No** on HB 2561A.

Sincerely,

Bobby Levy, State Representative for House District 58