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SCDCA Partners with Furman University On Senior Outreach Effort

Columbia, SC...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is offering a course on consumer protection through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Furman University in Greenville, SC. Senior adults who want a better grasp on consumer issues are encouraged to register for the class. <u>Those interested should sign up by January 9</u>, 2015. Below is a summary of the course and information on how to register:

CEO462 Consumer Protection Basics: What to Know and Do

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge offered by several experts from the SC Department of Consumer Affairs. This course is meant to empower students with the skills necessary to successfully navigate the ever changing marketplace of consumer goods and services. Topics include: Identity Theft, Scams in the Digital Age, Leveraging the Agency's Services, Auto and Housing Issues. This course also includes a two-part class on a plethora of consumer issues such as credit cards, researching a company, credit reports and scores, and ten common consumer myths. The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) has been protecting consumers from inequities in the marketplace for over 40 years.

Registration information, including the registration forms, can be found in this course booklet, <u>http://www.furman.edu/sites/OLLI/brochures/Documents/CED14-</u> <u>15%200LLI%20Winter%20Schedule-FINAL.pdf</u>. Seniors can also sign up online by visiting <u>furman.edu/olli</u>. For more information, contact OLLI at 864-294-2998.

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SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit *www.consumer.sc.gov* or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.

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