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SCDCA RETURNS TO LAURENS ON OCTOBER 16, 2008

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Laurens community on Thursday, October 16, 2008, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Patty Guthrie will pay a visit to the general conference room at the Laurens County Public Library located at 1017 West Main Street, Laurens, SC 29360. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to bring documentation with them.

Ms. Guthrie will have additional materials available on car buying, repairs, and repossession. “Year after year, these issues are at the top of our complaint list. We help one consumer only to turn around and see another hooked by deceptive advertising or a loophole. There are so many details involved in car buying and car repair. Our job is to help make consumers aware of the ones that could end up costing them,” said Guthrie. Information will be available on what to look for when buying a new or used car, when signing a repair contract, and when dealing with other related issues.

The Department will continue to visit the Laurens community on a regular basis. Locations will be announced monthly. The Department services the entire state via telephone and online help. Specific questions and concerns from the Laurens community may be addressed to Patty Guthrie. Appointments are available upon request. Ms. Guthrie may be reached at 864.490.3267.

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This month's visit has been made possible through a collaborative effort with the Laurens County Public Library and Laurens County Administrator Ernest Segars.

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