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**Reps. Lundy, Yuko Introduce Bill to Protect Renters in
Foreclosure Crisis**

*Legislation Preserves Rental Agreements When Landlord's Mortgage Faces
Foreclosure*

COLUMBUS – State Representatives Matt Lundy (D-Elyria) and Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) today introduced legislation that protects renters during the credit crunch. The bill would ensure rental agreements are not terminated when a foreclosure occurs.

“The foreclosure crisis has claimed too many renters as victims,” Rep. Lundy said. “We need to protect renters and their families so they are not evicted from their homes.”

The legislation requires buyers of foreclosed properties to honor pre-existing rental agreements. It also guarantees that a rental agreement will remain intact until it expires or is terminated under a condition specified within the original agreement.

“Renters should not have to be punished for the negligence of their landlords,” Rep Yuko said. “This bill is absolutely necessary to ensure that innocent people are not caught in the crosshairs of this crisis.”

The legislation now awaits assignment to a House committee for formal hearings.

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Representatives Yuko, J. Hagan Introduce Car Enthusiast Bill
Legislation Will Classify Street Rods and Custom Cars as Historical Vehicles

COLUMBUS – State Representatives Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) and John Hagan (R-Alliance) this week gave sponsor testimony on a bill that would classify street rods and custom cars as “historical vehicles” and allow owners of trailers that weigh less than 4,000 pounds to obtain a certificate of title.

“This bill is good for hobbyists and good for Ohio’s economy,” Rep. Yuko said. “It will help make Ohio a destination for car shows that can bring some flair and some tourism dollars to our neighborhoods.”

The newly-classified cars would be subject to a \$10 registration fee, and they may only be used for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours and the like, not general daily transportation. Replicas would be assigned the same model year as the production vehicle, and the vehicles must be deemed safe. If these new “historical vehicles” meet those requirements, they will receive exemptions for emission, noise control and fuel usage provisions imposed after the date of the vehicle’s manufacture.

The bill also would require certificates of title for trailers and semi-trailers weighing less than 4,000 pounds. These titles will provide verifiable proof of ownership should the trailers be stolen or sold, and they will ensure that Ohio sales tax is collected. This will keep out-of-state vendors with no obligation to pay Ohio sales tax from gaining a competitive advantage.

“For auto-enthusiasts, building, maintaining and enjoying their vehicles is a favorite pastime,” Rep. Hagan said. “This is a pro-hobbyist and pro-business bill that recognizes the time, money, and creativity street rod and custom car owners invest in their cars.”

“Every time a classic car hits Ohio roads, people take notice and yearn for ‘the good ol’ days,” Rep. Yuko added. “This legislation will bring those vehicles out into the public eye more often and instill a sense of pride in the care and consideration we give these idols of our car industry.”

H.B. 391 is currently pending in the House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs Committee.