[HEADLINE:] [FLORIDIANS OR STATE-APPROPRIATE TERM] **TELL SENATORS TO STOP CODDLING PREDATORY LENDERS AND BLOCKING CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

That was the message of petitions delivered to [SENATOR/S X AND Y] today by a delegation of [STATE-APPROPRIATE TERM]. The petitions, which call on the Senate to confirm Richard Cordray to a full term as director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, bore the signatures of more than 160,000 people, including [NUMBER] citizens of [NAME OF STATE].

[FIRST OF 2 POSSIBLE QUOTES HERE FROM GROUP/GROUPS INVOLVED IN DELIVERY. SOMETHING LIKE:] “Senators have a simple choice: they can bring this nomination to a vote, or they can do the bidding of the Wall Street lobbyists and shady lenders who have been trying to undermine the CFPB ever since they failed to prevent its creation.”

After favorable action by the Banking Committee, Cordray’s renomination goes before the full Senate. Director Cordray has earned wide and bipartisan praise for his leadership of the CFPB up to now. Unfortunately for the citizens of [FILL IN STATE], however, Senator [FILL IN NAME] has joined [OR NAME BOTH SENATORS AND SAY “HAVE JOINED”] a group of 43 Senators threatening to block Cordray’s nomination indefinitely, unless the CFPB is first dramatically weakened.

[SECOND QUOTE. SOMETHING LIKE:] “Predatory lending, in addition to being a major cause of the financial crisis and its ongoing damage to the U.S. economy, costs Americans billions of dollars year in and year out. An effective CFPB is our first line of defense.”

[NAME OF GROUP/S], which took part in today’s delivery, have also asked [NAME OF SENATOR/S] for a meeting to discuss the Senator’s position. [ADD A LINE ABOUT RESPONSE TO MEETING REQUEST, IF ANY]

The CFPB was created after the financial crisis of 2008 to end predatory lending and bring basic standards of fairness and transparency to the world of credit cards, mortgages, education loans, auto loans, debt collection, credit scoring and other financial products and practices.

Here’s just some of what this new agency has already done:

* Returned nearly half a billion dollars to consumers cheated by credit card companies;
* Moved to end the era of mortgages designed to rake in up-front fees before they self-destruct;
* Stood up for students and families trapped in high-cost private education loans; and deceptive lending practices; and
* Protected military families against illegal foreclosures and deceptive lending practices.