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IDFPR Releases a Report of Data from Database Designed to Prevent Predatory Lending

CHICAGO, Illinois – May 1, 2019 – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation published semi-annual data on the Anti-Predatory Lending Database which was established to educate and protect borrowers taking out potentially risky mortgages.

The Anti-Predatory Lending Database was created after the financial crisis during which many borrowers were unknowingly put into unsafe loans and lost their homes. The database seeks to prevent such predatory lending practices by tracking risky loans and requiring HUD certified counseling to help borrowers better understand the loan's terms. Data entered into the database also allows the Department to spot trends and assist with cracking down on predatory mortgage lending practices.

"This database is a critical tool for both consumers and the Department," said Acting IDFPR Secretary Deborah Hagan, "having witnessed firsthand the harm caused by predatory mortgages made during the crisis, it is important that we remain vigilant by tracking trends and making sure people understand the terms of their mortgage obligations."

The report released today details the number of risky loans registered with the database and the number of borrowers requiring counseling in Cook, Kane, Will, and Peoria counties. In the most recent report, findings include:

- There has been an increase in percentage of borrowers who have chosen not to take out risky loans after counseling, illustrating the effectiveness of loan counseling;
- There has been a decrease in non-bank loans originated reported from Cook, Kane, Will, and Peoria counties by about 20 percent from the prior reporting period; and,
- There has been an increase in the percentage of risky loans where points and fees are greater than 5%.

The report is available **here**.