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### SCDCA RETURNS TO LAURENS ON JUNE 18, 2009

**Columbia, SC...** ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Laurens community on Thursday, June 18, 2009, 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 should bring copies of documentation with them.

Ms. Guthrie will have additional tips and materials available on work-at-home schemes. Difficult times in the economy are causing many consumers to look for new or additional income. Sadly, scammers are taking advantage of this by offering a number of work-at-home opportunities in the mail and online. Many of these offers, however, end badly. Consumers pay an upfront fee for products or set-up fees but never receive a paycheck in return.

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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