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Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition hires Marceline White as its new Executive Director

BALTIMORE, MD, May 28, 2009 – The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition is thrilled to announce that it has hired Marceline White as its new executive director. She begins her new post on June 1.

Ms. White brings more than 17 years of management, fundraising, advocacy, and organizing experience to the position. Most recently she was president of Americans for Informed Democracy in Baltimore, and prior to that she served as deputy director for the USAID/WID Greater Access to Trade Expansion (GATE) Project in Arlington, VA. She holds a Masters of Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

“In this tough economy, when many families are struggling to balance their budgets and others are wondering if their jobs are secure, the mission of safeguarding consumers is all the more important,” said Ms. White. “I look forward to working with lawmakers and other advocates to make sure consumer rights are protected.”

Charles Shafer, president of MCRC, said Ms. White will help MCRC ramp up its advocacy role and bring more awareness to issues that affect consumers, including unfair mandatory-arbitration clauses, predatory lending practices, and inadequate disclosures in labeling and contracts.

“Marceline has the experience and commitment to make MCRC an even more valuable resource for legislators, advocates and consumers,” Shafer said. “We’re excited that she will be joining us in our efforts.”

Founded in 2000, MCRC is a non-profit organization focused on fairness and safety in the marketplace. MCRC seeks to advance and protect the interests of Maryland consumers through research, education and advocacy. Our members include individuals and organizations that support the interests of consumers.