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10 Ways Dodd-Frank Roll Back Bill Fails Consumers

The Senate will soon take up consideration of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (S.2155), which leaves out key consumer reforms and would weaken important protections that ensure Americans are treated fairly in financial markets. Here are 10 ways consumers are left behind:

1. **Abandons rural consumers:** The bill would relax regulations on manufactured-home retailers, which disproportionately serve rural areas, by eliminating legal protections that ensure that mortgages are safe and affordable.
2. **Creates consumer data vacuum:** By exempting roughly 85 percent of mortgage lenders from reporting requirements under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), regulators will have less data to shield consumers from discrimination in lending markets.
3. **Gives foreign banks a free pass:** Under the bill, foreign banks that have a long history of illicit banking practices that hurt American consumers would receive a break from regulatory oversight, including banks like Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank.
4. **Lightens appraisal protections:** If the bill is passed, banks would be able to skirt certain mortgage appraisal laws, putting consumers at risk of receiving unaffordable loans that were a major cause of the 2008 recession.
5. **Shifts risks onto consumers:** Shielding 25 of the 38 largest banks from tough oversight, as the bill proposes, opens the door to the same risky behavior that led to the 2008 Great Recession, which cost taxpayers more than $600 billion in direct bailouts.
6. **Preserves employment discrimination:** The bill lacks protections for job applicants who are discriminated against because of their credit history, stunting economic growth.
7. **Leaves students behind:** The bill does nothing to help alleviate the nation's nearly $1.5 trillion in student debt, which has grown over 30 percent in the last four years.
8. **Fails to address credit breaches:** The Equifax breach compromised the personal information of as many as 143 million Americans, and yet the bill lacks any measures to better safeguard confidential consumer data.
9. **Provides cover for new CFPB:** President Trump's Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has been toothless in defending consumers. Instead of filling the void, the bill does nothing to ensure the CFPB is fulfilling its mission to protect consumers.
10. **Avoids predatory lending action:** Despite the CFPB's friendly stance towards payday lenders, the bill provides no measures to rein in predatory lending practices.