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**Committee Bill No. 6173**  
**An Act Concerning Pawnbrokers**

My Name is Christopher Vescera; I am the owner of Brass City Pawn in Waterbury Ct. I would like to state my concerns and convey my opposition to *Committee Bill No. 6173; an Act Concerning Pawnbrokers.*

We have been in business for 5 years. In the last year just had to replace our existing pawn software with a very expensive software program that cost us almost 7000.00 due to the fact that the Waterbury police Dept wanted all the Pawn shops to use the same software. This is on top of the cost of our initial software that we had originally purchased when we first opened up. This has been a financial burden on us but it was something we had to do. So the fact that this bill wants us to photo copy all articles, photo ids and incorporate it into our software would not only be a huge burden on us financially It really does not make sense. On a whole less than 1% of items we have taken in thru the 5 years have come up stolen and never have we had a situation where our description, records and serial #s has not been more than ample for the police to make a case and prosecute individuals responsible for the stolen goods. I also have a serious problem with the Pawn shops being targeted while the antique dealers, used good dealers, flea markets, jewelry stores and other similar business do not fall under this bill. It seems to me that the Pawn Business is being discriminated against. My business is very reputable and has a great working relationship with all of the police departments. We also employ 8 people and during these times any financial burden will force me to lay off employees and maybe even force me to close my doors. Please take this into consideration and oppose this bill

Thank You,

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