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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Michael Martorelli, am writing this letter on behalf of all my fellow Pawnbrokers in regards to Bill 6173. First and foremost I would say that 75% of all pawnbrokers in CT are currently recording electronically. Some of us are currently downloading to our local Police Depts. Who are sharing through NESPIN. Those who are not currently electronic should be on board. Reporting directly to the State Police would not affect my business, but I feel that it would inundate the State Police with an extreme amount of information which would have an adverse effect. Also taking pictures of each item would create an extreme cost to the small businesses that we are. I understand that these measures are for public safety, I also feel that the Author of this bill should look at regulating out of state gold buyers, TV gold buyers, antique shops, second hand dealers, jewelry stores, consignment shops, anyone buying any thing second hand with the exception of Automobile dealers because they are regulated by DMV. I just feel that Pawnshops are always being targeted, The National Pawnbrokers Association performed a study and less than one 1% of stolen goods are found in pawnshops.

Thank you

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