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Spino's Pawn Shop

*Testimony of
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To Judiciary Committee in reference to
Committee Bill No. 6173*

I am writing this testimony in opposition to Committee Bill No. 6173, An Act Concerning Pawnbrokers.

Spino's Pawn Shop has been in business serving the Greater Waterbury Area since 1991. We always abided by all State Laws and Local Ordinances. We have always worked and extended our services to all Local and State Police Departments.

We have an Electronic Reporting System with the Waterbury Police Dept. which is E-Mailed weekly, which was paid for at Great Cost by Individual Pawn Shops at their Own expense on a voluntary basis.

What is being proposed under Bill No 6173 would Create Further Expenses that we have already accrued in our existing Electronic Reporting System.

In today economically harsh times this is unacceptable, it would mean having to Reduce our work force.

All Pawn Shops in the Waterbury area hold their Pawns For 2 (Two) months and any article bought is held for 1 (one) Week before it is sold. This is done on a voluntary basis.

Under Bill No 6173, the bill calls for taking Electronic Pictures of all transactions. The time it would take to E-mail these transactions would be unacceptable to the Pawn Shops as well as to the Police. Again another Expense accrued to all Pawn Shop owners to buy and maintain More Equipment.

Taking the Authority away from Local Police Departments that have the ability to be in close proximity to the Pawn Shop would be a big mistake.

Spino's Pawn Shop strongly opposes Bill No 6173.

*Respectfully
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