

A YANKEE PEDDLER & PAWN NEW BRITAIN, CT

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jason King. I have been the owner of A Yankee Peddler & Pawn in New Britain, CT for 15 years. We have always maintained a great relationship with the New Britain Police Department as well as all other Police Departments we have dealt with during this time.

I am in support of Raised House Bill #5795. This Bill would allow us to further assist the police departments as well as the community.

Taking photos of jewelry items will make each transaction a bit longer, but will help in the identification of those items. We currently describe each and every item we take in, whether it is jewelry or non-jewelry items in a very detailed manner. We include model and serial number of the non-jewelry items as well. Those numbers are like a social security number for merchandise, each one is unique to that particular item.

Another positive of the bill is the continued ability for each pawnbroker to cash the checks they write for merchandise brought in by customers. A large majority of our customers would need this money for gas to get to work; diapers for their children, food for their families, etc., that payment by check simply would not help with. It will allow us to keep our doors open and continue to serve the community.

We are also in support of Raised House Bill # 5939. This Bill would require a 10 day hold on purchased merchandise. We have been holding purchased items between 7-13 days since we opened in 1996 out of good faith.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and we appreciate the ability to work together to help our community.

Jason King
Owner
A Yankee Peddler & Pawn-New Britain