

Comments received via email Monday, July 25, 2005

RIN 1506 – AA 58 Interim Rule for the Jewelry Industry

Mr. William Langford

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United States Department of the Treasury

Re: Docket No. RIN 1506-AA58 – Interim Rule for the Jewelry Industry

Dear Mr. Langford:

I support the positions taken by the National Pawnbrokers Association on the Interim Final Rule for the Jewelry Industry as published in June of 2005. The pawnbroker exception in the Rule as well as the clarifications of coverage requested in the NPA's comment will help small business owners in our industry. We greatly appreciate FinCEN's sensitivity to the costs of regulatory compliance in the small business environment as well as its efforts to keep those costs reasonable, thereby allowing our industry to contribute to the important objectives of the Patriot Act.

Sincerely,

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