

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**777 North Capitol Street, NE**  
**Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING FUTURE LEGISLATION EQUATING PAWN SHOPS TO  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has sought methods to protect the safety of the citizens of the Washington metropolitan region; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG has worked to address the problems of crime throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Police Chiefs Committee has identified the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System as an important law enforcement tool to help investigate crime impacting the Washington metropolitan region; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Police Chiefs Committee has expressed opposition to legislation equating pawn shops to financial institutions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors opposes future legislation equating pawn shops to financial institutions.
2. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors supports the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System as an important law enforcement tool to help investigate crime impacting the Washington metropolitan region.

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