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E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Steve Martins
Ward 2 Councilor
New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: New Bedford City Council

Dear Mr. Martins:

Please be advised that this office represents Empire Loan of New Bedford ("Empire Loan"). Empire Loan is located at 1304 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, Massachusetts, which is within your purview as councilor for Ward 2.

My client is seeking to address some concerns with the regulatory provisions related to pawnbrokers recently adopted by the City Council in 2013. Empire Loan was not aware of these contemplated changes prior to their adoption, and never had the opportunity to address the Council or provide any information in this regard. At this time, Empire Loan would like the opportunity to address these concerns with the Council and to provide additional information which, hopefully, will result in the recommendation of some changes.

My client is not asking you to "sponsor" or to initiate any legislation in this regard. As the Ward Councilor for its location, and as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, my client felt it would be appropriate to direct this letter to your attention. My client would then ask that you place this correspondence on the agenda for the next City Council meeting with the request that it be directed to the Ordinance Committee, and that the undersigned be advised as to the date and time of this committee's next meeting, and invited to address the committee, present all relevant information and suggest certain revisions to the pawnbroker's ordinances.

If you feel that some other method should be followed by my client to initiate the anticipated discussion, please let me know. Otherwise, please let me know if you will place this request before the Council.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in this regard.

Sincerely,

RICHARD J. MANNING JR.

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