

Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Chrissy Vogel. I am the Senior Director of Partnerships for National Rarities.

National Rarities is a family owned business that buys precious metals and jewelry from customers at local jewelers throughout the country with two to four day “events”. Local jewelers, like Meritage and Kuhns, host these events because National Rarities has a stronger knowledge on valuation and buys items the jewelers might not otherwise want to buy. Even more, the events create foot traffic in their stores with existing and, possibly, new customers.

National Rarities jealously guards its reputation in the communities that it serves. National Rarities must hold itself to the highest standards of customer service, an element of which is proper licensure. National Rarities investigates applicable rules and regulations in the markets it serves to properly comply with applicable law. National Rarities also invests in and trains its employees to properly understand the valuation of precious metals and jewelry so that they can provide its customers, and those of the local jeweler, a positive experience.

National Rarities can’t sustain its business model without having the customer, both the jeweler, who welcomes National Rarities into its place of business, and the jeweler’s customers, know that we are in compliance with applicable law and are there to serve the best interests of the customer and jeweler.

For those reasons, I respectfully support HB 1191 and ask for a favorable report.

Thank you!