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## President's Letter

The Oklahoma Pawnbrokers Association is the voice for a very exclusive group of independent pawnbrokers who combine to form a dynamic and affluent industry. The OPA is continually striving to improve and maintain the high level of business standards that our fellow pawnbrokers have traditionally laid before us and we have become accustomed to.

Our Lobbyist's strong advocacy at the state level helps us to be proactive and ever aware of any new, pending and potentially detrimental bills that could change the dynamics of how you run your business. Along with the OPA and our Lobbyist (Curt Roggow), the association was successful in passing SB-552, increasing the bracketed amount of pawnshop finance charges. The amount of money that each pawnshop generates from the bill passing on average pays more than tenfold of your annual membership dues of \$350. This allows the association to employ the services of our Lobbyist and an attorney that offers his services at a members discount. As well as afford additional member benefits through corporate vendors, OPA webpage, state conventions, OPHP facebook members only page, and informative new-letters and supporting emails.

While Covid and the recovering economy thereafter affected us all somewhat economically, the one common ground we all share is the opportunity to belong to something very special. The Oklahoma Pawnbrokers Association represents family and together we support each and every member coming together as one. With strength in numbers we can sustain any adversity while growing an association that every pawnbroker can be proud of belonging to. We are family and with your continued support we will thrive once more.

Best Regards,

Mike Blair

**OPA** - President

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