\*\*REP TOM MCCLINTOCK\*\*

On behalf of NAME OF COMPANY, I’m reaching out to urge Rep. Tom McClintock to cosponsor H.R. 895, the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023 (CORCA).

Organized retail crime (ORC) remains a persistent threat to the retail industry. These sophisticated crimes permeate the entire retail ecosystem, impacting employees, consumers and communities nationwide. Passing CORCA is an essential step to counter rising organized retail crime, which costs retailers billions in stolen merchandise and threatens the safety of retail workers and customers.

According to [NRF’s 2023 National Retail Security Survey](https://cdn.nrf.com/sites/default/files/2023-09/NRF_National_Retail_Security_Survey_2023.pdf), more than two-thirds (67%) of respondents experienced increasing violence and aggression from ORC perpetrators compared with a year ago. This not only has an economic impact on retailers, but also a broader effect in terms of the safety of store employees and customers.

Retail crime is affecting communities in the state of California – these groups frequently cross county lines and state lines which makes investigations and prosecutions difficult. California is successfully prosecuting some crime rings, but more must be done to improve coordination across state lines, as evidenced by these reports from your area:

* + 3-23-2024- [*LA County Sheriff’s Department's organized retail theft crime task force conducts major fencing bust*](https://www.foxnews.com/us/la-county-sheriffs-departments-organized-retail-theft-crime-task-force-conducts-major-fencing-bust), Fox News.
  + 3-22-2024- [*Bi-Coastal Busts: Delaware and California Charge ORC Suspects with Felonies*](https://sourcingjournal.com/topics/retail/organized-retail-crime-los-angeles-lapd-orctf-delaware-rehoboth-beach-shoplifting-501083/), Sourcing Journal.
  + 3-20-2024- [*Suspected retail theft crew busted after running from police in Southern California*](https://ktla.com/news/local-news/retail-theft-crew-in-custody-after-running-from-police-in-southern-california/), KTLA.
  + 3-13-2024- [*California mom alleged 'ringleader' behind $8M retail theft ring that hit over 200 Ulta stores*, *others*](https://www.foxnews.com/us/california-mom-alleged-ringleader-behind-8m-retail-theft-ring-hit-over-200-ulta-stores-others-ag)*: AG*, Fox News.
  + 3-6-2024- [*East Bay retail theft bust reveals sophisticated operation being run from Oakland home*](https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/east-bay-retail-theft-bust-sophisticated-operation-oakland-home/), CBS News.
  + 2-21-2024- [*California Attorney General Charges ORC Ringleader for $8M Scheme Across 21 Counties*](https://losspreventionmedia.com/california-attorney-general-charges-orc-ringleader-for-8m-scheme-across-21-counties/), LP Magazine.

CORCA will increase coordination between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies by establishing a Center to Combat Organized Retail Crime at Homeland Security Investigations. These ORC crimes cross local, state and international lines, which requires the need for increased coordination at all levels of law enforcement. This is a critical step for retailers to effectively work with law enforcement to combat these criminal activities.

CORCA has broad bipartisan support from more than [130 members of Congress](https://nrf.com/thank-you-retail-crime-fighters). Please join them by cosponsoring H.R. 895 and work to ensure its passage this Congress.