



May 7, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support for the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (H.R. 2853)**

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of the National Retail Federation, I write today in strong support of the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025 (H.R. 2853). This legislation would enhance federal, state and industry coordination and provide key resources to law enforcement agencies to better combat widespread organized retail and supply chain crime, which costs retailers billions in stolen merchandise and threatens the safety of retail workers and customers. **Please note that NRF will consider votes for H.R. 2853 as part of the Retail Opportunity Index for our voting scorecard.**

NRF, the world's largest retail trade association, passionately advocates for the people, brands, policies and ideas that help retail succeed. NRF empowers the industry that powers the economy. Retail is the nation's largest private-sector employer, contributing \$5.3 trillion to annual GDP and supporting one in four U.S. jobs – 55 million working Americans. For over a century, NRF has been a voice for every retailer and every retail job, educating, inspiring and communicating the powerful impact retail has on local communities and global economies.

Organized retail crime continues to evolve beyond being the work of isolated criminal activity. It is driven by sophisticated and organized criminal networks operating across local, state and national boundaries. Retailers are seeing a significant increase in violence tied to some of these crimes. Working closely with law enforcement and prosecutors, retailers have dedicated significant resources to meet this growing threat. Yet the ever-increasing scale and complexity of these syndicates demand stronger, coordinated federal tools to help support state and local law enforcement efforts.

CORCA addresses this challenge directly by establishing the Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crime Center within Homeland Security Investigations to foster collaboration across jurisdictions, enhance investigative resources and build upon the progress that has been made at the state level. HSI has established centers and protocols that currently support inter-agency and private-sector engagement that focuses on related or parallel issues involving trade, transnational criminal groups and product protection. The Center will include other key federal government agencies, including FBI, ATF, CBP, USPS and others.

The bill also expands federal enforcement of criminal offences related to organized retail crime to distinguish petty theft from sophisticated criminal rings. These provisions are essential to ensuring law enforcement has the authority to pursue these criminal enterprises wherever they operate, protecting

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retail employees and consumers, and safeguarding community businesses. NRF members overwhelmingly believe that CORCA will be beneficial in identifying, investigating and disrupting sophisticated ORC theft groups.

For the reasons articulated above, NRF urges you to vote “**Yes**” on this critical legislation. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David French". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David French  
Executive Vice President, Government Relations

cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives