



January 12, 2026

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin,

I write today to commend the committee for scheduling a markup of the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025 (H.R. 2853). We are grateful for your attention to the pressing issue of organized retail crime and your commitment to alleviating the economic harm and violence it brings to communities across the United States. NRF strongly supports H.R. 2853 and urges the committee to swiftly support it and for Congress to pass it into law.

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. The Center will include other key federal government agencies, including FBI, ATF, CBP, USPS and others. It 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 retail employees and consumers, and safeguarding community businesses.

Thank you for considering this critical legislation that will support our local and national law enforcement efforts to make our communities safe. NRF and our members look forward to working with you to secure swift passage of the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David French'.

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