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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Democrat Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Democrat Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leaders Thune, Jeffries and Schumer:

On behalf of the National Retail Federation (NRF), I write to urge Congress to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, which expires at the end of September, and ensure that there is not a lapse in the critical legal protections provided by the law.

Retailers have made significant investments over the past decade to better protect their businesses, employees, and customers against cyber threats. Over the past few years, retailers have significantly increased their sharing of information on cyber threats with each other and with federal partners, in part due to the legal protections provided by the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015. This information sharing activity has helped to prevent and disrupt significant cyber incidents within the retail sector, as we documented with numerous examples in a NRF Statement for the Record for a House Committee on Homeland Security hearing in May of this year. This progress may be stalled or reversed if retailers (and other businesses) face new legal risks because of their efforts to share information on cyber threats.

NRF has been closely engaged with House and Senate committee activities related to reauthorization over the past few months. We would support either a clean reauthorization, consistent with S. 1337, introduced earlier this year by Senator Peters and Senator Rounds; or a modest update to the legislation, consistent with H.R. 5097, which was introduced by Rep. Garbarino and reported out of the House Committee on Homeland Security last week. Both approaches would preserve the key legal protections that retailers need in relation to their cyber threat information sharing activities.

We urge you to take all possible steps to ensure that there is not a lapse in the law, including consideration of a short-term extension that maintains these legal protections. We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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