



October 26, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023 (S. 140/H.R. 895)**

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the National Retail Federation, our members, our employees and our customers, the undersigned companies write to support the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023 (S. 140/H.R. 895). We believe this legislation will help counter rising organized retail crime, which costs retailers billions in stolen merchandise and threatens the safety of retail workers and customers.

Organized retail criminal (ORC) activity has continued to increase across the U.S., particularly over the past couple of years. In [NRF's 2023 National Retail Security Survey](#), more than two-thirds (67%) of respondents said they were seeing even more violence and aggression from ORC perpetrators compared with a year ago. Overall retail shrink, which ORC is a component of, totaled over \$110 billion in 2022. This not only has an economic impact on retailers, but also a broader effect in terms of the safety of store employees and customers. We continue to see daily media reports of violent retail offenders.

Retail loss prevention teams and state and local law enforcement have active efforts to investigate ORC groups and build cases but are frequently hampered by a lack of visibility into the scope of retail crime groups' broader activities, nationally and internationally. The Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023 would help address these issues by creating greater coordination and providing increased resources for law enforcement at all levels.

We believe this legislation would help counter rising organized retail crime, which threatens the safety of retail associates and customers, degrades the shopping experience and costs retailers tens of billions of dollars in stolen merchandise. We urge you to co-sponsor S. 140/H.R. 895 and work to ensure its passage.

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Sincerely,

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American Eagle Outfitters Inc.  
American Sale  
At Home  
B&W Hardware  
Backcountry.com  
Bamblu  
Belk, Inc.  
Best Buy Co., Inc.  
Bloomingdale's  
Books-A-Million Inc.  
Buffalo Exchange, Limited Inc.  
Capri Holdings, Limited  
Castle Megastore  
Completely Kentucky  
David's Bridal Inc.  
Destination XL Group, Inc.  
Dick's Sporting Goods Inc.  
District Heroines  
Dominion Jewelers  
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H&M  
Harbor Freight Tools  
Helzberg Diamonds  
Hibbett Inc.  
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It's Nola/Brooklyn Granola  
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LVMH Inc.  
Macy's, Inc.  
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Nahdi Medical Co.  
NCR Voyix  
Nordstrom, Inc.  
Perry Ellis International, Inc.  
PetSmart, Inc.  
Qurate Retail Group  
Ralph Lauren Corporation  
Saks Off 5th  
Sephora USA  
Signet Jewelers  
Spencer Gifts LLC  
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Sun & Ski  
Sunrise Boutique  
Tapestry, Inc.  
Target Corporation  
The Children's Place, Inc.  
The Kindship  
TJX Companies, Inc.  
Total Wine & More  
Tractor Supply Company  
Ulta Beauty  
Victoria's Secret & Co.  
Walgreens  
Walmart  
Weaver's, Inc

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