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The Honorable Antonio Cardenas US House of Representatives 2181 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Cardenas,

## Subject: SUPPORT/COSPONSOR the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA) (S. 140/H.R. 895)

On behalf of the California Retailers Association and our members, retail employees and customers, I'm reaching out to urge Rep. Cardenas to cosponsor the <u>Combating Organized Retail Crime Act</u> (CORCA) (S. 140/H.R. 895).

Organized retail crime (ORC), violence and theft continue to impact California's retailers at unprecedented rates. According to NRF's 2023 National Retail Security Survey, retailers reported that ORC accounted for nearly two-thirds (65%) of their shrink in 2022. Even more concerning, 67% of retailers also noted an increase in violence and aggression associated with ORC compared with the previous year.

The bipartisan Combating Organized Retail Crime Act would increase coordination between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies by establishing a Center to Combat Organized Retail Crime at Homeland Security Investigations. This coordination is a critical step for retailers to effectively combat criminal activities.

To sign on to support CORCA, please contact:

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Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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