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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

June 8, 2026

Dear Majority Leaders Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

I am writing on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the oldest and largest national organization representing over 7,000 state and local prosecutors in the country in support of S.1404/H.R.2853 the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025 (CORCA). On May 12, 2026, the bill passed the House with a strong vote of 348-60 in favor of the legislation. I respectfully urge the Senate to follow suit and pass this legislation as soon as possible.

As President of NDAA, I know CORCA would greatly benefit prosecutors across the country as they fight against organized retail crime by improving the information sharing among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and retail organizations. NDAA has been a strong vocal supporter of CORCA because it addresses several long-standing obstacles in investigating and prosecuting organized retail crime.

Organized Retail Crime networks are complex and becoming increasingly more sophisticated. This presents a constantly evolving landscape that prosecutors and law enforcement have to navigate to best identify, investigate, and prosecute bad actors. Inadequate legal framework at the federal level, and insufficient and sometimes non-existent, statutes at the state level make it difficult to adequately deter future criminal activity and appropriately sentence criminals engaged in organized retail theft. With organized retail crime rings leveraging seamless communication and cross-jurisdictional coordination in their thefts, we need the same level of coordination between federal, state, and local authorities to share information and data, coordinate investigations, and execute effective prosecutions.

CORCA would help tackle these challenges that many jurisdictions face through its provisions that were carefully assembled with the input of law enforcement, community leaders, and retailers. Updating the federal enforcement of criminal offenses related to organized retail crime provides law enforcement and prosecutors the necessary tools to pursue these cases.

The creation of the Organized Retail Crime Coordination Center within the Homeland Security Investigations section of the Department of Homeland Security, assures the proper attention and resources are put towards combating organized retail crime at the federal level. The center will

also align federal, state, and local efforts and improve coordination in complex, cross-jurisdiction cases. The importance of this collaboration and information sharing cannot be overstated, as it will also strengthen existing law enforcement networks and communication that focus on illicit drug dealers, elder scams and other organized crime rings.

As we are approaching the end of this Congress, I encourage Senate Leadership to address organized retail crime theft by swiftly passing CORCA to provide prosecutors, law enforcement, and retailers with the legal tools and means of collaboration to properly address this issue.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts on this important matter that plagues communities across the nation. I am confident that, with your leadership, we can pass CORCA and take a step forward in combating organized retail crime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim J Cruz", followed by a vertical line.

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