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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Grassley and Cortez-Masto:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, (I.U.P.A.) I am pleased to announce our support of your thoughtful and timely legislation, **S. 140, "Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023"**.

The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, represents rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Retail theft has become profitable to thieves. It is an epidemic, even causing corporations to close many retail outlets. It raises the costs of goods to consumers and funds other criminal activity. It endangers the public.

Your legislation will create task forces to concentrate on both the prevention of such crime and the apprehension and prosecution of those who perpetrate it.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this critical legislation move forward.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
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