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February 24, 2009

The Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), I write in support of "The Organized Retail Crime Act of 2009". During these difficult economic times the impact of organized retail crime can be staggering on our economy, state and local governments and American consumers. Organized retail crime is a nationwide problem and is expected to cost American companies and consumers at least \$30 billion in losses per year. It is estimated that the unregulated black market sales of such stolen merchandise results in an estimated annual loss of \$1.6 billion in tax revenues to state and local governments.

NDAA is the largest and primary professional association of State and local prosecuting attorneys in the United States. As prosecutors, we seek the necessary tools to prevent, investigate and prosecute crime. Traditionally, state and local law enforcement has regulated the trafficking of stolen property through the regulations of pawnshops by keeping records regarding the identification of sellers of goods to permit the tracing of stolen property. Organized retail crime has grown exponentially in sales volume as organized retail crime rings increasingly conduct their sales anonymously over internet auction sites.

NDAA urges Congress to enact "The Organized Retail Crime Act of 2009" to assist us in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of organized retail crime. We support you and your leadership on this important national issue in an effort to create safer communities.

Respectfully,

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United States House of Representatives
513 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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