



FBI - LEEDA Law Enforcement Executive Development Association

February 24, 2009

The Honorable Bobby Scott
United States House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Scott:

On behalf of the membership of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, Inc. (FBI-LEEDA), I am writing to thank you for your continued support in the fight against organized retail crime. Our law enforcement professionals support your efforts to protect communities and their citizens from this brazen type of crime. We applaud you for your leadership on the issue and for recognizing the many health and safety risks attributed to consumers, retail associates, and law enforcement professionals as a result of organized retail crime.

FBI-LEEDA, Inc. and its approximately 5,000 members urge you to persist in the fight against organized retail crime. We are a 501(c)(3) not for profit membership association whose members are chief executive officers of state and local law enforcement agencies, elected Sheriffs, and Directors and Commissioners of public safety throughout the United States and internationally.

Organized retail crime is a serious crime with serious risks to the safety and well being of individuals. Clear and targeted federal criminal statues are needed to provide our law enforcement professionals with the tools necessary to combat and deter organized retail crime. Federal legislation addressing this activity would complement law enforcement efforts and if enacted into law, will dramatically reduce organized retail thieves' access to unwitting buyers.

FBI-LEEDA, Inc. and our members are strongly committed to assuring the safety of communities, and consumers. We remain committed to working with your offices to prevent this type of crime.

Sincerely,



Tom Stone
Executive Director



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The Honorable Brad Ellsworth
United States House of Representatives
513 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Senator Durbin:

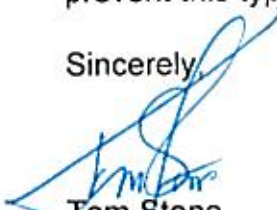
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