

The Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA)

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Core Message

The Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA) is critical bipartisan legislation that strengthens law enforcement's ability to combat increasingly sophisticated and widespread organized retail crime by improving coordination, intelligence-sharing, and prosecutorial tools.

Context

The Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025 (S. 1404/H.R. 2853) was reintroduced in both chambers on April 10, with strong bipartisan support—43 Senators and 206 Representatives currently signed on as cosponsors. The bill enhances legal frameworks and enforcement capabilities while fostering coordination across federal, state, and local agencies.

CORCA would establish a new Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Coordination Center within the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). This center would develop national-level intelligence, facilitate cross-agency investigations, and provide training and technical assistance.

The legislation also amends Title 18 to allow federal prosecutors to pursue cases involving aggregated thefts of \$5,000 or more over a 12-month period, making it easier to hold organized crime networks accountable.

The bill passed out of the House Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent on January 30, 2026, and is expected to receive a House floor vote in May.

CORCA is supported by a broad coalition of retail, logistics, and law enforcement organizations, as well as major companies including Walmart, Amazon, Target, Home Depot, Walgreens, CVS Health, Best Buy, and Kroger. Some criminal justice and civil rights groups oppose the bill, and certain Democrats have raised concerns about the proposed changes to Title 18.

Walmart Position

Walmart supports passage of CORCA.

Why Does This Matter to Walmart?

CORCA would better equip Walmart's Global Investigations team to collaborate with federal, state, and local law enforcement to track, coordinate, and prosecute organized retail crime. Strengthened tools and coordination would help address a growing threat that impacts store operations, associate safety, and supply chain integrity.

Key Messages/Talking Points

- Organized retail crime is not petty theft—it is coordinated, large-scale criminal activity.
- These crimes often cross state lines, requiring a stronger federal response.
- CORCA improves coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement.
- The bill gives prosecutors tools that reflect how these crimes actually occur (repeated theft over time).
- The legislation has broad support from retailers, law enforcement, and industry groups.

If You Get Tough Questions

- **Q: Is this targeting low-level offenders?**
A: No. The focus is on organized criminal networks, not individual petty theft.
- **Q: Why involve the federal government?**
A: These crimes often operate across multiple states, making federal coordination essential.
- **Q: Why change how theft is measured?**
A: Organized groups commit many smaller thefts to avoid detection. Aggregating those thefts helps law enforcement address the full scope of the crime.