



July 2, 2025

U.S. Senator Dave McCormick  
SH-702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCormick

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council (PCIC), I am writing to urge your support for, and co-sponsorship of, the Combatting Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA), introduced as H.R. 2853 and S. 1404.

Pennsylvania's chemical and plastics industry is a significant economic driver in the Keystone State. We are the eleventh-largest chemistry-producing state in the nation, supporting nearly 100,000 jobs and generating over \$14.4 billion in economic output. Annually, the industry pays nearly \$2 billion in wages, with an average salary of approximately \$83,861, and contributes more than \$782 million a year in federal, state, and local taxes.

The industry is also essential to providing products that modern society relies on. Chemistry is responsible for nearly every healthcare product and medical device, food packaging, building materials, electronics, clothing, military equipment, vehicles, and more.

In addition to a predictable policy and regulatory environment, our member companies rely on a stable, secure, and efficient supply chain to move sensitive materials, including hazardous substances, safely and promptly. This reliability is increasingly under threat.

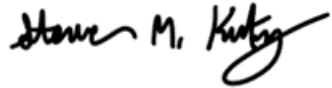
One area of increasing concern involves organized criminal groups targeting trains and intermodal infrastructure. Nationally, rail thefts have risen nearly 40% in just one year, with over 64,000 reported incidents and losses exceeding \$100 million. These are not random acts; they are coordinated attacks on freight rail corridors that impact supply chains, including chemical and plastics shipments, and raise serious safety concerns.

When rail and freight transportation are intentionally stopped or tampered with, the risk extends beyond stolen goods and directly endangers public and employee safety. These delays and reroutes also create bottlenecks in the system, inflating shipping costs and insurance premiums—costs that ultimately affect manufacturers and consumers alike.

CORCA would create a permanent Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crime Coordination Center within the Department of Homeland Security. This initiative would improve intelligence sharing, support law enforcement investigations, enhance coordination among stakeholders, and bring organized criminal enterprises to justice.

PCIC believes this legislation is a necessary step to protect our supply chains, employees, and communities. We respectfully ask for your support in co-sponsoring and advancing H.R. 2853 / S. 1404 to ensure Pennsylvania's chemical sector remains resilient, competitive, and safe.

Steven Kratz, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven M. Kratz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "S" and "K".

Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council