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Senator John Cornyn  
U.S. Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Cornyn,

On behalf of the Texas Association of Manufacturers (TAM) and our member companies across the state, I write to thank you for your leadership on or urge your support for the **Combatting Organized Retail Crime Act (CORCA), S. 1404**. This important bipartisan legislation provides law enforcement and prosecutors with critical tools to address the growing threat of coordinated retail theft, which is increasingly impacting our supply chains, transportation systems, and manufacturing operations.

Organized retail crime is no longer limited to petty shoplifting, it is now a sophisticated, multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise often tied to international networks. These groups target not just retailers, but the freight infrastructure that moves products across the country. In recent months, there have been alarming reports of cartel-backed theft rings hijacking freight trucks, looting railcars, and exploiting vulnerabilities in the logistics ecosystem. Texas, as a global gateway for commerce, is especially exposed to these threats.

For manufacturers, this is not a distant retail problem, it's a direct threat to production schedules, worker safety, and the broader economy. When cargo is stolen or supply chains are disrupted, it delays manufacturing timelines, drives up costs, and damages Texas's competitiveness.

CORCA would help confront this challenge by:

- Establishing a **coordinated federal response** to organized retail crime;
- Enhancing **data sharing** across jurisdictions and with the private sector;
- Providing prosecutors with tools to **go after criminal networks**, not just individuals;
- Strengthening **interagency collaboration**, including with freight stakeholders.

We urge you to co-sponsor S. 1404 and support this critical bill. TAM stands ready to assist in any way to advance this legislation and protect the integrity of our supply chains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard A. Bennett".

Tony Bennett  
President & CEO  
Texas Association of Manufacturers