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The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety  
1020 N. Street, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Aisha Wahab  
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee  
1020 N. Street, Room 545  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Organized Retail Theft Legislation**

Dear Assemblymember McCarty and Senator Wahab,

The City of Brentwood is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1802 (Jones-Sawyer) Crimes: Organized Theft, Assembly Bill 1972 (Alanis) Organized Retail theft: Cargo, Assembly Bill 2406 (Davies) Crimes: Theft, Assembly Bill 2790 (Pacheco) Crimes: Organized Retail Theft, Senate Bill 928 (Niello) Crimes: Organized Retail Theft, and Senate Bill 982 (Wahab) Crimes: Organized Theft.

These bills confront the issue of organized retail theft by expanding the definition of the offense to capture organized theft of merchandise stolen from a merchant's cargo, eliminating the sunset date for organized retail theft, addressing minors participating in these crimes, and addressing the theft of critical items such as baby formula.

Retail theft is a continual problem not only in the City of Brentwood and Contra Costa County, but also in all California communities. Rising Theft is affecting every corner of California, and city officials need additional tools to reduce crime and improve the quality of life and safety in their neighborhoods.

Specifically, regarding organized retail theft, there are a handful of bills that seek changes to existing law to help address the increase in smash and grab robberies and other organized efforts that continue to happen at an alarming rate in our communities statewide.

While these individual bills are important in order to continue to make progress on retail theft, these bills are only one part of a comprehensive solution that need to include prevention, enforcement, and supervision. Addressing organized retail theft is one of the issues that can help solve this growing problem, however additional changes are needed in to make our communities safer.

For these reasons, the City of Brentwood supports the bills listed above.

Sincerely,



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City of Brentwood

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