



April 4, 2024

Honorable Kevin McCarty  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 1779 (Irwin) – Theft: jurisdiction**

Chair McCarty:

The California Retailers Association and the organizations listed below are pleased to support Assembly Bill 1779, which reinstates provisions of the Penal Code clarifying that acts of theft that occur across multiple jurisdictions may be charged in a single jurisdiction.

The clarity provided in this bill is essential for effective enforcement, prosecution, and deterrence of theft crimes, ensuring that cases are appropriately handled within agreed jurisdictions. This could lead to more efficient utilization of resources and improved coordination among law enforcement agencies, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness of addressing theft crimes statewide.

AB 1779 restores a much-needed tool for law enforcement to present cases of theft and organized retail theft involving multiple counties. The majority of organized retail crime (ORC) cases in California occur in more than one jurisdiction. The ability to consolidate charges into a single jurisdiction greatly simplifies the process of bringing these often-complex cases to court.

We ask the Assembly Committee on Public Safety pass AB 1779.

Sincerely,



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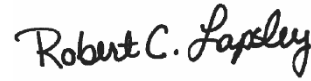


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