



May 21, 2024

The Honorable Nathan Manning
Chair, Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Bill SB—223– FORCE Act re: organized retail theft

Dear Chair Manning:

My name is Chanell Autrey, and I am the Director of Government Affairs for Target Corporation for our Mid-Atlantic/Great Lakes region.

Today, I would like to express Target's support of Bill SB-223 – FORCE Act re: organized retail theft.

Target is proud of our presence in Ohio and our support for the local economy and communities where we are located. Our commitment includes 65 stores, four corporate offices, four supply chain facilities and over 10,800 team members.

Organized retail crime (ORC) activity has continued to increase across the United States, particularly over the past couple of years. Additionally, the problem affects all of us, limiting product availability, creating a less convenient shopping experience, and putting team members and guests in harm's way. At Target, the safety of our guests and our team members is always our priority, and we work diligently with legislators, law enforcement, and retail industry partners to advocate for public policy solutions.

We look forward to working with the Committee and the entire General Assembly to combat theft and organized retail crime in Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chanell Autrey
Director of Government Affairs
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CC: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee