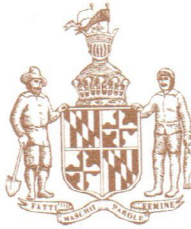


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RE: Senate Bill 385 – Organized Retail Theft

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 385. This bill passed this committee and the Senate unanimously last session but ran out of time in the House due to the pandemic. This bill defines “organized retail theft” and places the burden on the State to prove that an act of theft is “organized retail theft”. If the Court determines that a theft is an organized retail theft then it shall be reported as such to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS). Such a report allows multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties, under one scheme or continuing course of conduct, to be aggregated and prosecuted as part of an overall scheme in any county in which any of the thefts occurred.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Cassilly', written over a horizontal line.

Senator Bob Cassilly