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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support the Common Cents Act (H.R. 3074)

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the National Retail Federation, I write to express our strong support for H.R. 3074, the Common Cents Act. This legislation creates a uniform national standard for rounding cash transactions and protects businesses from legal risks for rounding practices that conflict with federal, state and local laws and regulations. **Please note that NRF will consider votes on H.R. 3074 as part of the Retail Opportunity Index for our voting scorecard.**

Following the final production run of pennies by the U.S. Mint last year, retailers faced a sudden nationwide penny shortage due to coin circulation challenges and suspended penny services at coin distribution terminals. These issues left retailers unable to provide customers with exact change for cash transactions in various markets across the country. In response, retailers quickly adopted practices to round cash transactions and educate customers about the shortage and rounding process. However, the lack of federal law on cash rounding has left retailers exposed to certain federal and state laws that may be breached by these new rounding solutions.

In the absence of a national solution, states have enacted legislation to address rounding issues, creating a patchwork of standards for merchants to comply with. In addition, a growing number of states and localities enforce cash acceptance laws that would unintentionally be violated by necessary rounding practices. The Common Cents Act would establish a uniform cash rounding standard, providing consistency for consumers and protection for businesses from legal liabilities and compliance risks. This legislation ensures retailers may continue serving their cash-paying customers in an economy without the penny.

NRF urges you to vote "**Yes"** on H.R. 3074, the Common Cents Act. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the U.S House of Representatives

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