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Honourable Brian Pallister
Premier of Manitoba
Room 204 legislative Building
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RE: Retail Crime Crisis – Call for Action

Dear Premier Pallister,

Retail crime in Manitoba is at a crisis point, and on behalf of the thousands of Manitoba businesses represented through our organizations that are being directly impacted by this reality, we are calling upon your leadership to facilitate an **Urgent Retail Crime Summit**.

The frequency of brazen and increasingly violent crime in our community is abnormal, and we believe more than ever that the community wants us to come together to work collaboratively towards solutions that ensure Manitobans can once again feel safe shopping and working in Liquor Marts, all retail stores and every service business across the province.

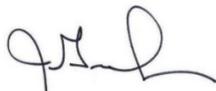
Manitoba is an incredible place to invest, work and play, however this reputation is at risk as an estimated \$172 million in product is being stolen from Manitoba retailers in increasingly alarming ways.

We also know that the challenges we currently face together are complex, with no quick solutions. However, we share a determination to not accept the status quo, and believe a Crime Summit that includes diverse stakeholder representation is an important and necessary step in the right direction.

We also believe solutions will come through many voices, and would seek to ensure business, unions, community leaders, law enforcement, municipalities and the Federal Minister of Justice all be invited to participate. Each brings their own insights and potential recommendations.

Our members are concerned and are looking to us for action and with your leadership, we will bring important focus and urgency that his crisis deserves.

Most Sincerely,



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