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**Retail Association Issues Statement on  
Home Depot Theft Ring**

“Organized theft is an exponentially growing problem for our local retailers and our customers with Las Vegas being among the top ten worst hit areas in the nation,” said Bryan Wachter, Senior Vice President of the Retail Association of Nevada. “These kinds of investigations and theft rings increase prices for all Nevadans. The retail industry had been working proactively with Senator Neal on consumer protection legislation that would address the increase in stolen and counterfeit products flooding online marketplaces, but, unfortunately, Democratic leadership put politics in front of policy and killed legislation that would give consumers transparency in their purchases. The Retail Association of Nevada will continue working on legislation and policies to help reduce the organized retail crime that plagues our communities, especially in Las Vegas.”

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