

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, Friday, November 29, 2024 and contains one message. This hotline – as well as other important updates and information for our members -- can also be found on our web site at www.ufcw1262.org.

Local 1262 would like to make our members aware of some very important legislation being considered in the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly that will help protect retail workers from Organized Retail Crime.

Assembly Bill A-4755 and Senate Bill S-3587 (Organized Retail Crime Legislation) are currently moving forward through various committees in both houses of the State Legislature.

These bills, which will increase penalties for offenders involved in Organized Retail Crime, are vital to protecting the safety of our members in the stores.

Organized Retail Crime (ORC) is not petty shoplifting. It is illegal professional theft rings that move quickly from community to community and across state lines to obtain large amounts of products that are fenced and sold back into the gray marketplace. Items in high demand include laundry detergent, over-the-counter medication, baby formula, energy drinks, razors, teeth whitening strips and deodorant as well as high-end meat and other food products.

It is our firm belief that this legislation, with its increased penalties for offenders, is necessary in order to protect consumers from increased costs as well as issues related to food safety.

More importantly for our members is the fact that this legislation will help ensure the safety of our members and other retail workers who are already facing increased physical and verbal abuse from perpetrators in their stores.

Local 1262 has joined other unions and organizations, including the New Jersey Food Council, in order to get this vital legislation passed. We will continue to update you on this legislation as it moves forward.

In the meantime, we urge our members to learn more about these bills. For a copy of our letter of support to the New Jersey Food Council as well as a Fact-Sheet, visit our website at www.ufcw1262.org.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our more than 22,000 members here in New Jersey and New York for your ongoing dedication and service to your communities. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

That concludes this hotline. Thank you for calling Local 1262.

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