

August 31, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Main Street Businesses Urge Swift Passage of Common Cents Act (S. 1525)

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned associations represent Main Street businesses that serve and employ millions of Americans across the nation every day. These businesses – small to large – must be able to continue serving their communities in ways that are fair to everyone and avoid unintended operational hurdles that are being caused by the halt in U.S. penny production. We write to urge the House of Representatives to bring the bipartisan Common Cents Act (S. 1525) to the floor under suspension of the rules this work period before adjourning in September.

We deeply appreciate the hard work by Representatives Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Robert Garcia (D-CA) and House leadership to pass your version of the legislation (H.R. 3074) by voice vote in July. The Senate passed its version of the bill on August 7, by unanimous consent, that includes a minor process clarification that has support from the Administration. We request the House take up S. 1525 expeditiously so that Main Street businesses and American consumers in every community we serve have certainty and consistency in their everyday cash transactions.

Since the U.S. Mint produced its last pennies over a year ago, Main Street businesses across the country have faced cascading impacts from the lack of pennies in circulation, operating with constant uncertainty about how to handle cash transactions when exact change is unavailable. Main Street businesses are losing money on cash transactions every day that this uncertainty continues. And, without enactment of a federal law, all of the potential options today create the risk of legal challenges on top of those financial losses. The situation has gone on too long and has become untenable.

It is extremely important that the House pass S. 1525 so President Trump can sign it into law as quickly as possible. Main Street businesses are desperate for the federal solution under the Common Cents Act that enables them to round cash transactions when exact change is unavailable. Retailers are heading into yet another busy travel and shopping season in the fall, so it is more urgent than ever that this legislation is passed before adjourning at the end of September.

Again, thank you for your leadership in passing H.R. 3074 in July. We respectfully request expeditious House consideration of S. 1525 to ensure that Main Street businesses can continue to serve customers in all communities across the country with certainty and consistency.

Sincerely,

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American Beverage Licensees
American Booksellers Association
American Hotel & Lodging Association
Coalition of Franchisee Associations
Energy Marketers of America
FMI – The Food Industry Association
International Franchise Association
Merchant Advisory Group
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Grocers Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truck Stops
North American Association of Subway Franchisees (NAASF)
OHI – Outdoor Hospitality Industry
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers

Alabama Beverage Licensees Association
Alabama Grocers Association
Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Alabama Retail Association
Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama
Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association
Alaska Fuel Storage & Handlers Alliance, Inc.
Arizona Food Marketing Alliance
Arizona Petroleum Marketers Association
Arizona Restaurant Association
Arizona Retailers Association
Arkansas Hospitality Association
Arkansas Oil Marketers Association, Inc.
Arkansas Retailers Association
California Fuels & Convenience Alliance
California Grocers Association
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
Carolinas Food Industry Council (SC, NC)
Colorado Independent Liquor Stores
Colorado Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Colorado Restaurant Association
Colorado Retail Council
Colorado/Wyoming Convenience Store Association (CO, WY)
Connecticut Energy Marketers Association
Connecticut Food Association
Connecticut Package Stores Association
Connecticut Restaurant & Hospitality Association

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Delaware Food Industry Council
Delaware Restaurant Association
Delaware Small Beverage License Council
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington (DC)
Florida Independent Spirits Association
Florida Petroleum Marketers Association, Inc.
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
Florida Retail Federation
Georgia Alcohol Dealers Association
Georgia Food Industry Association
Georgia Restaurant Association
Georgia Retailers
Georgia Oilmen's Association
Hawaii Energy Marketers Association
Hawaii Food Industry Association
Hawaii Restaurant Association
Idaho Lodging & Restaurant Association
Idaho Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Idaho Retailers Association
Illinois Fuel & Retail Association
Illinois Licensed Beverage Association
Illinois Restaurant Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Hospitality Indiana
Indiana Association of Beverage Association
Indiana Food and Fuel Association
Indiana Retail Council
FUEL Iowa
Iowa Grocery Industry Association
Iowa Restaurant Association
Iowa Retail Federation
Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Fuel True: Independent Energy and Convenience of Kansas
Retail Grocers Association of Kansas and Missouri (KS, MO)
Kentucky Association of Beverage Retailers
Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association
Kentucky Restaurant Association
Kentucky Retail Federation
Louisiana Alliance of Retail Pharmacies
Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Louisiana Restaurant Association
Louisiana Retailers Association
Hospitality Maine
Maine Energy Marketers Association
Maine Grocers & Food Producers Association
Retail Association of Maine

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Maryland Retailers Alliance
Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association
Restaurant Association of Maryland
Massachusetts Food Association
Massachusetts Package Stores Association
Massachusetts Restaurant Association
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Michigan Association of Convenience Stores
Michigan Petroleum Association
Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association
Michigan Retailers Association
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association (MD, DE, DC)
Midwest Retail & Grocery Alliance (KS, MO)
Hospitality Minnesota
Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association
Minnesota Grocers Association
Minnesota Retailers
Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association
Mississippi Hospitality & Restaurant Association
Mississippi Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores Association
Mississippi Retail & Grocers Association
Missouri Grocers Association
Missouri Petroleum & Convenience Association
Missouri Restaurant Association
Missouri Retailers Association
Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Montana Restaurant Association
Montana Retail Association
Montana Tavern Association
Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association (AZ, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, UT, WY)
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Nebraska Hospitality Association
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Energy and Convenience Association of Nevada (ECAN)
Nevada Restaurant Association
New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association (CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, ME)
New Hampshire Grocers Association
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association
New Hampshire Retail Association
Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey
New Jersey Food Council
New Jersey Liquor Store Alliance
New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association
New Jersey Retail Merchants Association

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New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association
New Mexico Restaurant Association
Empire State Energy Association, Inc. (NY)
Food Industry Alliance of New York State
Metropolitan (Metro) Package Store Association (NY)
New York State Liquor Store Association
New York State Restaurant Association
Retailers Alliance of New York
North Carolina Petroleum & Convenience Marketers
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association
North Dakota Hospitality Association
North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association
North Dakota Retail Association
Northwest Grocery Retail Association (ID, OR, WA)
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio Energy & Convenience Association
Ohio Grocers Association
Ohio Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance
Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Grocers Association
Oklahoma Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Oklahoma Restaurant Association
Oregon Fuels Association
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Oregon Retail Council
Pennsylvania Beer and Beverage Retailers Association
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association
Pennsylvania Petroleum Association
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association
Pennsylvania Retailers Association
Puerto Rico Restaurant Association
Rhode Island Food Dealers Association
Rhode Island Hospitality Association
Rhode Island Liquor Operators Collaborative
ABC Stores of South Carolina
South Carolina Convenience & Petroleum Marketers Association
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
South Carolina Retail Association
South Dakota Petroleum & Propane Marketers Association
South Dakota Retailers Association
Tennessee Fuel & Convenience Store Association
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association
Tennessee Retail Association
Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Association
Texas Food & Fuel Association

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Texas Package Stores Association
Texas Restaurant Association
Texas Retailers Association
Utah Food Industry Association
Utah Petroleum Marketers & Retailers Association
Utah Restaurant Association
Utah Retail Merchants Association
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Vermont Fuel Dealers Association
Vermont Retail and Grocers Association
Virginia Petroleum & Convenience Marketers Association
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association
Virginia Retail Federation
Washington Food Industry Association
Washington Hospitality Association
Washington Independent Energy Distributors
Washington Retail Association
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
West Virginia Oil Marketers & Grocers Association
West Virginia Retailers Association
Western Petroleum Marketers Association (HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA)
Wisconsin Fuel & Retail Association
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
Wisconsin Retailers Alliance
Tavern League of Wisconsin
Wyoming Hospitality & Travel Coalition
Wyoming Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Wyoming State Liquor Association

CC: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives