

Testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee March 12, 2024 SB 415 – Organized Retail Crime bill Ryan Irsik – Walmart Ryan.Irsik@walmart.com 479-715-1213

Written only testimony in SUPPORT of SB 415

Chairwoman Warren and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of Walmart in support of SB 415.

We appreciate the Attorney General's leadership in addressing organized retail crime and we appreciate you, Chairwoman Warren, for agreeing to hear from those who are affected by organized retail crime and who stand in strong support of this legislation.

The provision allowing prosecution of an organized retail crime in any county where a loss occurred (Sec 1(c)) is particularly important to address ORC and is a provision we always like to see in ORC legislation. Equally important to combat ORC is the aggregate provision (Sec 1(a)(1), which explicitly allows aggregation of losses (thefts) to achieve a felony conviction.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to offer our strong support for SB 415 and we ask for the Committee's favorable consideration.

Best Regards,

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