

To: Secretary, Federal Trade Commission
From: Mallory Duncan
Re: "Identity Theft Wrokshop"
Date: September 18, 2000

For filing, attached are the comments by the National Retail Federation on Identity Theft issues facing the retail industry that was filed electronically on September 15, 2000. NRF or a representative of the NRF, respectfully requests an opportunity to participate as a panelist in the upcoming Identity Theft/Victim Assistance Workshop on October 23 & 24, 2000. If you have any questions please call me at (202)626-8106.

By way of background, the **National Retail Federation (NRF)** is the world's largest retail trade association with membership that comprises all retail formats and channels of distribution including department, specialty, discount, catalog, Internet and independent stores. NRF members represent an industry that encompasses more than 1.4 million U.S. retail establishments, employs more than 20 million people -- about 1 in 5 American workers -- and registered 1999 sales of \$3 trillion. NRF's international members operate stores in more than 50 nations. In its role as the retail industry's umbrella group, NRF also represents 32 national and 50 state associations in the U.S. as well as 36 international associations representing retailers abroad.

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