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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

The National Retail Federation strongly supports H.R. 2667, the Authority for Mandate Delay Act, which would provide a legislative one-year delay of the employer mandate provision. Please be aware that we may consider all votes in connection with H.R. 2667 as key retail votes for our annual voting guide.

NRF has worked hard to help our members come into compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We have repeatedly voiced concern about the effect of the employer mandate penalties on retail and chain restaurant jobs and job growth. We have also expressed concern about the rapidly diminishing amount of time to come into compliance with the ACA.

We welcomed the Administration's recent move to delay the employer reporting requirements under IRC Section 6055 and 6056 for one year. NRF agrees that this delay will prevent enforcement of the employer mandate penalties under 4980h(a) and (b). We welcome this delay as an opportunity to improve our compliance efforts and for the exchanges to implement the complex interplay of reporting and verification to make subsidy eligibility and penalty determination possible.

NRF also welcomes this Congressional effort to clearly and directly delay the requirements, thus underlining the existing Administration commitment. We strongly support H.R. 2667 and urge its prompt adoption.

Sincerely,

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