



March 19, 2026

The Honorable Chris Murphy
United States Senate
136 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Two dozen small business groups endorse the *Fair Prices for Local Businesses Act*

Dear Senator Murphy,

The undersigned associations write in support of the *Fair Prices for Local Businesses Act*, which strengthens the Robinson-Patman Act. Our coalition represents more than 40 small business groups and more than 300,000 independent businesses. We have [long advocated](#) for enforcers to take on the rampant price discrimination in our economy.

For decades, powerful retailers, including Walmart and Amazon, have used their enormous market power to extract sweetheart deals from suppliers while independent businesses pay dramatically higher prices for the same goods and services. The Robinson-Patman Act was designed to stop exactly this kind of price discrimination. But over time, legal loopholes, narrow interpretations, and burdensome requirements have made it challenging to enforce this important law. We support your new proposal

because it makes critical, commonsense fixes that would give the law real teeth.

Our coalition has been an active partner in legislative efforts to revitalize the Robinson-Patman Act. We worked closely with lawmakers committed to restoring fair competition for small businesses, including the *Fair Competition for Small Business Act* introduced by Senator Cory Booker. These efforts reflect our support in modernizing the law and closing the loopholes that have allowed corporate giants to escape accountability for so long.

We applaud your leadership on addressing a problem that harms so many American shoppers and independent businesses. The *Fair Prices for Local Business Act* is an important step and we urge Congress to pass the bill this legislative session.

Signed,

American Booksellers Association	National
American Independent Business Alliance	National
American Specialty Toy Retailing Association	National
Independent Natural Food Retailers Association	National
Independent Restaurant Coalition	National
Independent Shopkeepers Association	OK
Institute for Local Self-Reliance	National
Local Business Institute	National
Local First Arizona	AZ
Local Return	RI
Louisville Independent Business Alliance	KY
Love Live Local	MA

Lowcountry Local First	SC
Main Street Alliance	National
Minnesota Farmers Union	MN
National Sporting Goods Association	National
North American Marine Alliance	National
Ohio Sustainable Business Council	OH
Provender Alliance	National
Running Industry Association	National
Shop Local Raleigh	NC
Slow Flowers Society	National
Small Business Majority	National
Workplace Solutions Association	National

Small Business Rising statements:

“For decades, powerful chain stores, like Walmart, Amazon, and Kroger, have used their economic muscle to extract sweetheart deals from suppliers — deals that squeeze out independent competitors and drive up prices for everyone else. Senator Murphy’s legislation would give enforcers the tools they need to finally call that what it is: illegal. ILSR applauds this effort to restore fairness in US markets, allow local businesses to compete, and make groceries and goods more affordable for the communities that need it most.”

— Ron Knox, Senior Researcher and Policy Advocate, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

"Ohio's independent businesses have been fighting an uneven playing field for too long. The Fair Prices for Local Businesses Act gives the Robinson-Patman Act the teeth it needs to hold corporate giants accountable and restore real competition for our small business owners."

— Mayda Sanchez Shingler, Director, Ohio Sustainable Business Council

“Across communities like Cape Cod, locally owned businesses are the heart of our economy and culture. Yet many are forced to pay significantly more for the same products that large national chains receive at discounted prices. Strengthening the Robinson-Patman Act is a critical step toward leveling the playing field and ensuring that independent businesses can compete, grow, and continue serving their communities.”

— Jen Villa, Executive Director, Love Live Local