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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended November 2, 2019

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 0-25464



DOLLAR TREE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

26-2018846

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 Volvo Parkway

Chesapeake, Virginia

(Address of principal executive offices)

23320

(Zip Code)

(757) 321-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	DLTR	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of November 22, 2019, there were 236,662,306 shares of the registrant’s common stock outstanding.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

**DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)**

(in millions, except per share data)	13 Weeks Ended		39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Net sales	\$ 5,746.2	\$ 5,538.8	\$ 17,295.5	\$ 16,618.1
Cost of sales	4,041.7	3,866.9	12,215.3	11,582.7
Gross profit	1,704.5	1,671.9	5,080.2	5,035.4
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,346.1	1,284.1	4,067.4	3,827.5
Operating income	358.4	387.8	1,012.8	1,207.9
Interest expense, net	41.4	47.6	122.9	323.7
Other expense (income), net	0.1	0.2	0.7	(0.9)
Income before income taxes	316.9	340.0	889.2	885.1
Provision for income taxes	61.1	58.2	185.2	168.9
Net income	<u>\$ 255.8</u>	<u>\$ 281.8</u>	<u>\$ 704.0</u>	<u>\$ 716.2</u>
Basic net income per share	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 1.18</u>	<u>\$ 2.97</u>	<u>\$ 3.01</u>
Diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 1.18</u>	<u>\$ 2.95</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended		39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Net income	\$ 255.8	\$ 281.8	\$ 704.0	\$ 716.2
Foreign currency translation adjustments	0.4	(0.7)	(0.9)	(5.9)
Total comprehensive income	\$ 256.2	\$ 281.1	\$ 703.1	\$ 710.3

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

(in millions)	November 2, 2019	February 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 433.7	\$ 422.1	\$ 708.3
Merchandise inventories	3,882.9	3,536.0	3,715.6
Other current assets	255.7	335.2	325.6
Total current assets	4,572.3	4,293.3	4,749.5
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,056.6, \$3,690.6 and \$3,571.8, respectively	3,810.7	3,445.3	3,406.2
Restricted cash	46.6	24.6	—
Operating lease right-of-use assets	5,864.6	—	—
Goodwill	2,296.5	2,296.6	5,023.6
Favorable lease rights, net of accumulated amortization of \$287.8 and \$290.6 at February 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018, respectively	—	288.7	314.6
Trade name intangible asset	3,100.0	3,100.0	3,100.0
Other assets	51.4	52.7	55.4
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,742.1</u>	<u>\$ 13,501.2</u>	<u>\$ 16,649.3</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 750.0	\$ —	\$ —
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	1,202.6	—	—
Accounts payable	1,473.1	1,416.4	1,365.1
Income taxes payable	—	60.0	0.7
Other current liabilities	754.0	619.3	769.9
Total current liabilities	4,179.7	2,095.7	2,135.7
Long-term debt, net, excluding current portion	3,520.2	4,265.3	5,043.8
Operating lease liabilities, long-term	4,636.0	—	—
Unfavorable lease rights, net of accumulated amortization of \$76.9 and \$77.0 at February 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018, respectively	—	78.8	84.0
Deferred income taxes, net	1,001.5	973.2	999.2
Income taxes payable, long-term	29.7	35.4	33.0
Other liabilities	253.7	409.9	410.5
Total liabilities	13,620.8	7,858.3	8,706.2
Commitments and contingencies			
Shareholders' equity	6,121.3	5,642.9	7,943.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 19,742.1</u>	<u>\$ 13,501.2</u>	<u>\$ 16,649.3</u>
Common shares outstanding	<u>236.7</u>	<u>238.1</u>	<u>238.0</u>

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

13 Weeks Ended November 2, 2019						
(in millions)	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Share- holders' Equity
Balance at August 3, 2019	236.8	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,443.9	\$ (39.6)	\$ 3,459.0	\$ 5,865.7
Net income	—	—	—	—	255.8	255.8
Total other comprehensive income	—	—	—	0.4	—	0.4
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	—	—	2.3	—	—	2.3
Exercise of stock options	—	—	0.8	—	—	0.8
Stock-based compensation, net	—	—	7.9	—	—	7.9
Repurchase of stock	(0.1)	—	(11.6)	—	—	(11.6)
Balance at November 2, 2019	236.7	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,443.3	\$ (39.2)	\$ 3,714.8	\$ 6,121.3

39 Weeks Ended November 2, 2019						
(in millions)	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Share- holders' Equity
Balance at February 2, 2019	238.1	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,602.7	\$ (38.3)	\$ 3,076.1	\$ 5,642.9
Cumulative effect of adopted accounting standards, net	—	—	—	—	(65.3)	(65.3)
Net income	—	—	—	—	704.0	704.0
Total other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(0.9)	—	(0.9)
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	0.1	—	7.5	—	—	7.5
Exercise of stock options	—	—	4.9	—	—	4.9
Stock-based compensation, net	0.4	—	28.2	—	—	28.2
Repurchase of stock	(1.9)	—	(200.0)	—	—	(200.0)
Balance at November 2, 2019	236.7	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,443.3	\$ (39.2)	\$ 3,714.8	\$ 6,121.3

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (cont.)
(Unaudited)

13 Weeks Ended November 3, 2018						
(in millions)	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Share- holders' Equity
Balance at August 4, 2018	237.9	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,581.3	\$ (37.5)	\$ 5,101.3	\$ 7,647.5
Net income	—	—	—	—	281.8	281.8
Total other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(0.7)	—	(0.7)
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	0.1	—	2.1	—	—	2.1
Exercise of stock options	—	—	1.9	—	—	1.9
Stock-based compensation, net	—	—	10.5	—	—	10.5
Balance at November 3, 2018	238.0	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,595.8	\$ (38.2)	\$ 5,383.1	\$ 7,943.1

39 Weeks Ended November 3, 2018						
(in millions)	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Share- holders' Equity
Balance at February 3, 2018	237.3	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,545.3	\$ (32.3)	\$ 4,666.9	\$ 7,182.3
Net income	—	—	—	—	716.2	716.2
Total other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(5.9)	—	(5.9)
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	0.2	—	8.0	—	—	8.0
Exercise of stock options	0.1	—	6.2	—	—	6.2
Stock-based compensation, net	0.4	—	36.3	—	—	36.3
Balance at November 3, 2018	238.0	\$ 2.4	\$ 2,595.8	\$ (38.2)	\$ 5,383.1	\$ 7,943.1

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

(in millions)	39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 704.0	\$ 716.2
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	466.3	454.4
Provision for deferred income taxes	50.3	13.8
Amortization of debt discount and debt-issuance costs	4.9	53.7
Other non-cash adjustments to net income	76.7	63.3
Loss on debt extinguishment	—	114.7
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(287.7)	(365.2)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,014.5	1,050.9
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(782.3)	(622.7)
Proceeds from governmental grant	16.5	—
Proceeds from (payments for) fixed asset disposition	(2.9)	3.3
Net cash used in investing activities	(768.7)	(619.4)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt, net of discount	—	4,775.8
Principal payments for long-term debt	—	(5,432.7)
Debt-issuance and debt extinguishment costs	—	(155.3)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	—	50.0
Repayments of revolving credit facility	—	(50.0)
Proceeds from stock issued pursuant to stock-based compensation plans	12.3	14.2
Cash paid for taxes on exercises/vesting of stock-based compensation	(24.3)	(22.6)
Payments for repurchase of stock	(200.0)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(212.0)	(820.6)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(0.2)	(0.4)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	33.6	(389.5)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	446.7	1,097.8
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 480.3	\$ 708.3
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for:		
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 89.7	\$ 289.3
Income taxes	\$ 248.9	\$ 197.9
Non-cash transactions:		
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 73.8	\$ 51.2

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Dollar Tree, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete consolidated financial statements. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2019. The results of operations for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire fiscal year ending February 1, 2020.

In the Company’s opinion, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein contain all adjustments (including those of a normal recurring nature) considered necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position as of November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The February 2, 2019 balance sheet information was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-02, “*Leases (Topic 842)*” and subsequent amendments, which replaced existing lease accounting guidance in GAAP and requires lessees to recognize right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all in-scope leases with a term of greater than 12 months and requires disclosure of certain quantitative and qualitative information pertaining to an entity’s leasing arrangements. The Company adopted the standard as of February 3, 2019, using the optional effective date transition method provided by accounting pronouncement, ASU No. 2018-11, “*Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements*” and recorded a cumulative effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings. The Company’s reporting for the comparative prior periods presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements continues to be in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 840, “*Leases (Topic 840)*.” The Company elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard which, among other things, permitted the Company to carry forward the historical lease classification for leases that commenced before the effective date of the new standard. The Company did not elect the hindsight practical expedient, which permits the use of hindsight when determining lease term and impairment of right-of-use assets. Adoption of the standard resulted in the recognition of Operating lease right-of-use assets and Operating lease liabilities of \$6.2 billion and \$6.1 billion, respectively, and a reduction to Retained earnings of \$65.3 million, net of tax, as of February 3, 2019. The Operating lease right-of-use assets recorded at transition include the impact of net favorable lease rights of approximately \$210.0 million, accrued rent, net of prepaid rent of approximately \$108.0 million, lease incentives of approximately \$67.0 million and the impairment of right-of-use assets recognized in retained earnings as of February 3, 2019 of approximately \$96.0 million. The adoption of the standard did not have a material impact on the Company’s condensed consolidated income statements or condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. Refer to Note 7 for additional information related to the Company’s accounting for leases.

Note 2 - Legal Proceedings

The Company is a defendant in legal proceedings including a Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) proceeding and the class, collective, representative and large cases described below as well as several thousand allegedly individual claims in arbitration. The arbitrations include more than 2,100 wage and hour claims recently filed by one law firm. The law firm also alleges they have more than 4,200 additional claims to be filed in the future. The Company will vigorously defend itself in all matters referred to in this Note 2. The Company does not believe that any of these matters will, individually or in the aggregate, have a material effect on its business or financial condition. The Company cannot give assurance, however, that one or more of these matters will not have a material effect on its results of operations for the quarter or year in which they are resolved.

The Company assesses its legal proceedings and reserves are established if a loss is probable and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Many, if not substantially all, of the contingencies described below are subject to significant uncertainties and, therefore, determining the likelihood of a loss and the measurement of any loss can be complex and subject to judgment. With respect to legal proceedings where the Company has determined that a loss is reasonably possible but not probable, the Company is unable to estimate the amount or range of the reasonably possible loss due to the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of and uncertainties regarding legal proceedings. The Company’s assessments are based on estimates and assumptions that have been deemed reasonable by management, but that may prove to be incomplete or inaccurate, and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur that might cause the Company to change those estimates and assumptions. Management’s assessment

of legal proceedings could change because of future determinations or the discovery of facts which are not presently known. Accordingly, the ultimate costs of resolving these proceedings may be substantially higher or lower than currently estimated.

Dollar Tree Active Matters

The FDA has recently alleged that the Company improperly sold certain topically applied, over the counter (“OTC”) products manufactured by certain Chinese factories that were on an import “alert” restriction issued by the FDA. The Company is in the process of responding to the FDA and proposing enhanced procedures and processes for any OTC products it imports from China.

In April 2015, a distribution center employee filed a class action in California state court with allegations concerning wages, meal and rest breaks, recovery periods, wage statements and timely termination pay. The employee filed an amended complaint in which he abandoned his attempt to certify a nation-wide class of non-exempt distribution center employees for alleged improper calculation of overtime compensation. The Company removed this lawsuit to federal court. The court certified the case as a state-wide class action as to those employees who began working for the Company prior to October 6, 2014.

In August 2018, a former employee brought suit in California state court as a class action and as a Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) representative suit alleging the Company failed to provide all non-exempt California store employees with compliant rest and meal breaks, accrued vacation, accurate wage statements and final pay upon termination of employment.

In December 2018, two former employees brought a PAGA suit in California state court alleging that Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. and Dollar Tree Distribution, Inc. failed to provide non-exempt California store and distribution center employees with rest and meal breaks, suitable seating, overtime pay, minimum wage for all time worked, reporting time pay, accurate wage statements, timely payment of wages during and upon termination of employment, failed to reimburse business expenses, and made unlawful deductions from wage payments.

Several lawsuits have been filed against Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and their vendors alleging that personal powder products caused cancer. The Company does not believe the products it sold caused the illnesses. The Company believes these lawsuits are insured and is being indemnified by its third party vendors.

Dollar Tree Resolved Matters

In 2015, a former store manager filed a class action in California federal court alleging, among other things, that the Company failed to make wage statements readily available to employees who did not receive paper checks. In 2017, a jury found in favor of the Company. In 2019, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the jury verdict. In July 2019, the plaintiff filed a petition with the Supreme Court of the United States seeking a review of the decision. The Supreme Court denied the petition.

Family Dollar Active Matters

In January 2017, a customer filed a class action in federal court in Illinois alleging the Company violated various state consumer fraud laws as well as express and implied warranties by selling a product that purported to contain aloe when it did not. The requested class is limited to the state of Illinois. The Company believes that it is fully indemnified by the entities that supplied it with the product.

In July 2019, a customer filed a nationwide class action in federal court in Pennsylvania on behalf of all customers with mobility disabilities alleging the Company violated the public accommodation requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act by systemically blocking the aisles with merchandise. The customer seeks a permanent injunction requiring the Company to remove all access barriers and giving the customer authority to monitor the Company’s compliance.

Family Dollar Resolved Matters

In January 2018, a former store manager and a former assistant store manager filed suit in California state court asserting class claims on behalf of themselves and their respective classes seeking to recover for working off the clock, noncompliant rest and meal periods and related claims. The plaintiffs have since amended their complaint, abandoned their class and PAGA claims and are instead proceeding with their individual claims only.

In June 2018, a former store manager filed suit in California state court asserting class and PAGA claims on behalf of himself and a class of current and former employees for alleged off the clock work, alleged failure to receive compliant rest and meal breaks and related claims. In May 2019, the case was resolved.

In December 2018, a former assistant store manager filed a PAGA suit in California state court alleging the Company failed to provide rest and meal breaks, failed to pay minimum, regular and overtime wages, failed to maintain accurate records and

provide accurate wage statements, failed to timely pay wages due upon termination of employment and failed to reimburse employees for business expenses. In April 2019, the case was dismissed without prejudice.

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

As required, financial assets and liabilities are classified in the fair value hierarchy in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table sets forth the Company’s financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(in millions)	November 2, 2019	February 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Level 1			
Deferred compensation plan assets	\$ 21.8	\$ 21.8	\$ 21.8

Deferred compensation plan assets are held pursuant to deferred compensation plans for certain officers and executives. The deferred compensation plan assets are recorded in "Other assets" within the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets and a corresponding liability is recorded in "Other liabilities" within the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the assets and liabilities are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (e.g., when there is evidence of impairment). The Company did not record any significant impairment charges during the 13 or 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of Cash and cash equivalents, Restricted cash and Accounts payable as reported in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets approximate fair value due to their short-term maturities.

The aggregate fair values and carrying values of the Company’s long-term borrowings were as follows:

(in millions)	November 2, 2019		February 2, 2019		November 3, 2018	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Level 1						
Senior Notes	\$ 4,530.3	\$ 4,278.6	\$ 4,198.6	\$ 4,275.5	\$ 4,158.7	\$ 4,274.4
Level 2						
Term Loan Facility	—	—	—	—	774.2	780.2

The fair values of the Company’s Senior Notes were determined using Level 1 inputs as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities are available. The fair value of the Company’s Term Loan Facility, which the Company prepaid in full during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, was determined using Level 2 inputs as quoted prices are readily available from pricing services, but the prices are not published. The carrying value of the Company’s Revolving Credit Facility approximated its fair value because the interest rates vary with market interest rates.

Note 4 - Net Income Per Share

The following table sets forth the calculations of basic and diluted net income per share:

(in millions, except per share data)	13 Weeks Ended		39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Basic net income per share:				
Net income	\$ 255.8	\$ 281.8	\$ 704.0	\$ 716.2
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	236.7	237.9	237.4	237.8
Basic net income per share	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.18	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.01
Diluted net income per share:				
Net income	\$ 255.8	\$ 281.8	\$ 704.0	\$ 716.2
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	236.7	237.9	237.4	237.8
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock (as determined by applying the treasury stock method)	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Weighted average number of shares and dilutive potential shares outstanding	237.5	238.7	238.3	238.6
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.18	\$ 2.95	\$ 3.00

For the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018, substantially all of the stock options outstanding were included in the calculation of the weighted average number of shares and dilutive potential shares outstanding.

Note 5 - Stock-Based Compensation

For a discussion of the Company's stock-based compensation plans, refer to "Note 10 - Stock-Based Compensation Plans" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2019. Stock-based compensation expense was \$52.5 million and \$60.2 million during the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018, respectively.

Restricted Stock

The Company issues service-based RSUs to employees and officers and issues performance-based RSUs to certain officers of the Company. The Company recognizes expense based on the estimated fair value of the RSUs granted over the requisite service period, which is generally three years, on a straight-line basis or a shorter period based on the retirement eligibility of the grantee. The fair value of RSUs is determined using the Company's closing stock price on the date of grant.

The following table summarizes the status of RSUs as of November 2, 2019 and changes during the 39 weeks then ended:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at February 2, 2019	1,446,100	\$ 86.96
Granted	768,014	103.69
Vested	(653,251)	84.79
Forfeited	(117,445)	94.77
Nonvested at November 2, 2019	1,443,418	\$ 96.04

Note 6 - Segments

The Company operates a chain of more than 15,200 retail discount stores in 48 states and five Canadian provinces. The Company's operations are conducted in two reporting business segments: Dollar Tree and Family Dollar. The Company defines its segments as those operations whose results its chief operating decision maker ("CODM") regularly reviews to analyze performance and allocate resources.

The Dollar Tree segment is the leading operator of discount variety stores offering merchandise at the fixed price of \$1.00. The Dollar Tree segment includes the Company's operations under the "Dollar Tree" and "Dollar Tree Canada" brands, 13 distribution centers in the United States and two distribution centers in Canada.

The Family Dollar segment operates a chain of general merchandise retail discount stores providing consumers with a selection of competitively-priced merchandise in convenient neighborhood stores. The Family Dollar segment consists of the Company's operations under the "Family Dollar" brand and 11 distribution centers.

The Company measures the results of its segments using, among other measures, each segment's net sales, gross profit and operating income. The CODM reviews these metrics for each of the Company's reporting segments. The Company may revise the measurement of each segment's operating income, as determined by the information regularly reviewed by the CODM. If the measurement of a segment changes, prior period amounts and balances are reclassified to be comparable to the current period's presentation. In the current year, the Company identified Corporate and support costs, mainly store support center costs that are considered shared services, and excluded these selling, general and administrative costs from its two reporting business segments. These costs include operating expenses for the Company's store support centers in Chesapeake, Virginia and Matthews, North Carolina. During fiscal 2019 the Company consolidated its Matthews, North Carolina store support center with its store support center in Chesapeake, Virginia. The Company continues to own its facility in Matthews, North Carolina. Amounts for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018 have been reclassified to be comparable to the current year presentation.

Information for the Company's segments, as well as for Corporate and support, including the reconciliation to Income before income taxes, is as follows:

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended		39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Condensed Consolidated Income Statement Data:				
Net sales:				
Dollar Tree	\$ 3,074.3	\$ 2,853.8	\$ 8,991.4	\$ 8,407.0
Family Dollar	2,671.9	2,685.0	8,304.1	8,211.1
Consolidated Net sales	<u>\$ 5,746.2</u>	<u>\$ 5,538.8</u>	<u>\$ 17,295.5</u>	<u>\$ 16,618.1</u>
Gross profit:				
Dollar Tree	\$ 1,050.5	\$ 993.7	\$ 3,070.8	\$ 2,909.8
Family Dollar	654.0	678.2	2,009.4	2,125.6
Consolidated Gross profit	<u>\$ 1,704.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,671.9</u>	<u>\$ 5,080.2</u>	<u>\$ 5,035.4</u>
Operating income (loss):				
Dollar Tree	\$ 371.7	\$ 366.4	\$ 1,096.7	\$ 1,069.9
Family Dollar	53.8	83.7	159.5	341.2
Corporate and support	(67.1)	(62.3)	(243.4)	(203.2)
Consolidated Operating income	358.4	387.8	1,012.8	1,207.9
Interest expense, net	41.4	47.6	122.9	323.7
Other expense (income), net	0.1	0.2	0.7	(0.9)
Income before income taxes	<u>\$ 316.9</u>	<u>\$ 340.0</u>	<u>\$ 889.2</u>	<u>\$ 885.1</u>

(in millions)	As of		
	November 2, 2019	February 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:			
Goodwill:			
Dollar Tree	\$ 421.6	\$ 376.5	\$ 373.5
Family Dollar	1,874.9	1,920.1	4,650.1
Consolidated Goodwill	<u>\$ 2,296.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,296.6</u>	<u>\$ 5,023.6</u>
Total assets:			
Dollar Tree	\$ 7,531.0	\$ 3,992.6	\$ 4,320.9
Family Dollar	11,858.3	9,144.7	11,955.3
Corporate and support	352.8	363.9	373.1
Consolidated Total assets	<u>\$ 19,742.1</u>	<u>\$ 13,501.2</u>	<u>\$ 16,649.3</u>

*Goodwill is reassigned between segments when stores are re-bannered between segments. In the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018, the Company reassigned \$45.2 million and \$28.0 million, respectively, of goodwill from Family Dollar to Dollar Tree as a result of re-bannering.

Note 7 - Leases

The Company's lease portfolio primarily consists of leases for its retail store locations and it also leases vehicles and trailers, as well as distribution center space and equipment. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception by evaluating whether the arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the Company obtains substantially all of the economic benefits from and has the ability to direct the use of the asset. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the condensed consolidated balance sheets; the Company recognizes expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. For leases with an initial term in excess of 12 months, operating lease right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the committed lease term at the lease commencement date. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate in determining the present value of future lease payments. Inputs to the calculation of the Company's incremental borrowing rate include the valuations and yields of its outstanding senior notes and their credit spread over comparable U.S. Treasury rates, adjusted to a collateralized basis by estimating the credit spread improvement that would result from an upgrade of one ratings classification. Most leases include one or more options to renew and the exercise of renewal options is at the Company's sole discretion. The Company does not include renewal options in its determination of the lease term unless the renewals are deemed to be reasonably assured at lease commencement. Operating lease expense for minimum lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The operating lease right-of-use asset is reduced by lease incentives, which has the effect of lowering the operating lease expense. Operating lease right-of-use assets are periodically reviewed for impairment losses. The Company uses the long-lived assets impairment guidance in ASC Subtopic 360-10, "Property, Plant, and Equipment - Overall," to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired, and if so, the amount of the impairment loss to recognize.

Certain of the Company's lease agreements include rental payments based on a percentage of retail sales over contractual levels and others include rental payments adjusted periodically for inflation. In addition, the Company's real estate leases generally require payment of real estate taxes, common area maintenance and insurance, which are generally variable and based on actual costs incurred by the lessor. These variable payments are expensed as incurred as variable lease costs. The Company's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive financial covenants.

The Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, which are generally accounted for separately. For certain equipment leases, such as trailers, the Company accounts for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

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The lease cost for operating leases that was recognized in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated income statements was as follows:

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended	39 Weeks Ended
	November 2, 2019	November 2, 2019
Operating lease cost	\$ 378.2	\$ 1,139.8
Variable lease cost	94.7	272.2
Total lease cost*	\$ 472.9	\$ 1,412.0

*Excludes short-term lease cost and sublease income, which are immaterial

As of November 2, 2019, maturities of lease liabilities were as follows:

	(in millions)
Remainder of 2019	\$ 249.0
2020	1,376.2
2021	1,190.9
2022	990.6
2023	771.9
Thereafter	2,215.4
Total undiscounted lease payments	6,794.0
Less interest	955.4
Present value of lease liabilities	\$ 5,838.6

The future minimum lease payments above exclude \$260.9 million of legally binding minimum lease payments for leases signed but not yet commenced as of November 2, 2019.

Information regarding the weighted-average remaining lease term and the weighted-average discount rate for operating leases as of November 2, 2019 is as follows:

Weighted-average remaining lease term (years)	6.5
Weighted-average discount rate	4.4%

The following represents supplemental information pertaining to the Company's operating lease arrangements for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019:

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended	39 Weeks Ended
	November 2, 2019	November 2, 2019
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 367.5	\$ 1,099.1
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	163.9	593.2

As previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2019 and in accordance with ASC 840, future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows as of February 2, 2019:

	<u>(in millions)</u>
2019	\$ 1,435.9
2020	1,176.7
2021	1,100.0
2022	899.6
2023	729.1
Thereafter	1,966.3
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 7,307.6</u>

The above future minimum lease payments include amounts for leases that were signed prior to February 2, 2019 for stores that were not open as of February 2, 2019 and exclude contingent rentals that may be paid under certain store leases based on a percentage of sales in excess of stipulated amounts. As of February 2, 2019, future minimum lease payments have not been reduced by expected future minimum sublease rentals of \$1.2 million under operating leases.

Note 8 - Shareholders' Equity

The Company repurchased 125,048 and 1,967,355 shares of common stock on the open market for approximately \$11.6 million and \$200.0 million during the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, respectively. As of November 2, 2019, the Company has \$800.0 million remaining under Board repurchase authorization.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Introductory Note: Unless otherwise stated, references to “we,” “our” and “us” generally refer to Dollar Tree, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

A Warning About Forward-Looking Statements: This document contains “forward-looking statements” as that term is used in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they address future events, developments and results and do not relate strictly to historical facts. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical facts may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements preceded by, followed by or including words such as “believe,” “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “view,” “target” or “estimate,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “predict,” “possible,” “potential,” “continue,” “strategy,” and similar expressions. For example, our forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding:

- the potential effect of general business or economic conditions (including inflation) on our costs and profitability, including the potential effect of future changes in prevailing wage rates and overtime regulations and our plans to address these changes, shipping rates, freight and other distribution costs (including the effects of potential increases in import freight costs due to low sulphur fuel requirements for ships which become effective in January 2020), fuel costs and wage and benefit costs, consumer spending levels, and population, employment and job growth and/or losses in our markets;
- the actual and potential effect of Section 301 tariffs on Chinese goods imposed by the United States Trade Representative;
- our growth plans, including our plans to add, renovate, re-banner, expand, relocate or close stores and any related costs or charges, our anticipated square footage increase, and our ability to renew leases at existing store locations;
- the ability to retain key personnel and attract new personnel at Family Dollar and Dollar Tree;
- our anticipated sales, comparable store net sales, net sales growth, gross profit margin, costs of goods sold (including product mix), earnings and earnings growth, inventory levels, selling, general and administrative and other fixed costs, and our ability to leverage those costs;
- the expected and possible outcome, costs, and impact of pending or potential litigation, arbitrations (including the recent arbitrations involving thousands of claims filed by one law firm), other legal proceedings or governmental investigations (including the recent allegation by the Food and Drug Administration);
- the effect of changes in labor laws, and the effect of the Fair Labor Standards Act as it relates to the qualification of our managers for exempt status, minimum wage and health care law;
- the average size of our stores to be added in 2019 and beyond;
- the effect of our consumable merchandise initiatives, including the increase in the number of our stores with freezers and coolers, the increase in the number of freezer and cooler doors in H2 stores and the roll-outs of adult beverage and Snack Zone, on our results of operations;
- the net sales per square foot, net sales and operating income of our stores;
- the benefits, results and effects of the Family Dollar acquisition and integration and the combined Company’s plans, objectives, expectations (financial or otherwise), including synergies, the cost to achieve synergies, and the effect on earnings per share;
- the effect of changes in tax laws and regulatory interpretations of such laws;
- our seasonal sales patterns including those relating to the length of the holiday selling seasons;
- the capabilities of our inventory supply chain technology and other systems;
- the reliability of, and cost associated with, our sources of supply, particularly imported goods such as those sourced from China;
- the capacity, performance and cost of our distribution centers, including future automation;

- our cash needs, including our ability to fund our future capital expenditures and working capital requirements and our ability to service our debt obligations, including our expected annual interest expense;
- our expectations regarding competition and growth in our retail sector;
- our assessment of the materiality and impact on our business of recent accounting pronouncements adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
- our assessment of the impact on the Company of certain actions by activist shareholders and the Company's potential responses to these actions; and
- management's estimates associated with our critical accounting policies, including inventory valuation, self-insurance liabilities and valuations for impairment analyses.

A forward-looking statement is neither a prediction nor a guarantee of future results, events or circumstances. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our forward-looking statements are all based on currently available operating, financial and business information. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties summarized below and the more detailed discussions in the "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" sections and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2019 and in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

- Our profitability is vulnerable to cost increases, including changes in the sales mix of lower margin products. Our cost of goods sold has increased because of a variety of factors such as higher freight and distribution costs (including those due to inefficiencies or disruptions), higher sales mix of lower margin products and higher shrink. Higher costs (including those due to a change in sales mix) have adversely affected our profitability and could continue to do so in the future.
- Risks associated with our domestic and foreign suppliers, including, among others, the protests in Hong Kong (which is a principal site of our buying trips), increased taxes, duties, tariffs or other restrictions on trade (including Section 301 tariffs imposed by the United States Trade Representative on imported Chinese goods), including our ability to mitigate Section 301 tariffs, could adversely affect our profitability.
- Integrating Family Dollar's operations with ours may be more difficult, costly or time consuming than expected. We did not retain all associates in connection with the consolidation of the Family Dollar store support center to Virginia. It will take our new personnel some time to gain the experience of their predecessors.
- Our business could be adversely affected if we fail to attract and retain qualified associates and key personnel. This is more difficult in an economic environment of low unemployment and higher wages.
- We rely on computer and technology systems in our operations, and any material failure, inadequacy, interruption or security failure of those systems could harm our ability to effectively operate and grow our business and could adversely affect our financial results.
- If we are unable to secure our customers' credit card and confidential information, or other private data relating to our associates, suppliers or our business, we could be subject to negative publicity, costly government enforcement actions or private litigation and increased costs, which could damage our business reputation and adversely affect our results of operations or business.
- Our growth is dependent on our ability to increase sales in existing stores and to expand our square footage profitably.
- We could incur losses due to impairment of long-lived assets, goodwill and intangible assets.
- Litigation, arbitrations and other legal proceedings may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. For a discussion of current legal proceedings, see "Note 2 - Legal Proceedings," included in "Part I. Financial Information, Item 1. Financial Statements" of this Form 10-Q.
- Pressure from competitors may reduce our sales and profits.
- A downturn or changes in economic conditions could impact our sales or profitability.

- Changes in federal, state or local law, including regulations and interpretations or guidance thereunder, or our failure to adequately estimate the impact of such changes or comply with such laws, could increase our expenses, expose us to legal risks or otherwise adversely affect us.
- The price of our common stock is subject to market and other conditions and may be volatile.
- Our business or the value of our common stock could be negatively affected as a result of actions by activist shareholders or by organizations seeking to limit the growth of dollar stores or change the mix or price of products we sell.
- Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition, limit our ability to obtain additional financing, restrict our operations and make us more vulnerable to economic downturns and competitive pressures.
- The terms of the agreements governing our indebtedness may restrict our current and future operations, particularly our ability to respond to changes or to pursue our business strategies, and could adversely affect our capital resources, financial condition and liquidity.
- Our variable-rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our annual debt service obligations to increase significantly.
- Certain provisions in our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws could delay or discourage a change of control transaction that may be in a shareholder's best interest.

We cannot assure you that the results, events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and actual results, events or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Moreover, new risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on our forward-looking statements.

We do not undertake to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date of this Form 10-Q, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Investors should also be aware that while we do, from time to time, communicate with securities analysts and others, it is against our policy to disclose to them any material, nonpublic information or other confidential commercial information. Accordingly, shareholders should not assume that we agree with any statement or report issued by any securities analyst regardless of the content of the statement or report. Furthermore, we have a policy against confirming projections, forecasts or opinions issued by others. Thus, to the extent that reports issued by securities analysts contain any projections, forecasts or opinions, such reports are not our responsibility.

Overview

We are a leading operator of more than 15,200 retail discount stores and we conduct our operations in two reporting segments. Our Dollar Tree segment is the leading operator of discount variety stores offering merchandise at the fixed price of \$1.00. Our Family Dollar segment operates general merchandise retail discount stores providing consumers with a selection of competitively-priced merchandise in convenient neighborhood stores.

Our net sales are derived from the sale of merchandise. Two major factors tend to affect our net sales trends. First is our success at opening new stores or adding new stores through mergers or acquisitions. Second is the performance of stores once they are open. Sales vary at our existing stores from one year to the next. We refer to this as a change in comparable store net sales, because we include only those stores that are open throughout both of the periods being compared, beginning after the first fifteen months of operation. We include sales from stores expanded or remodeled during the period in the calculation of comparable store net sales, which has the effect of increasing our comparable store net sales. The term 'expanded' also includes stores that are relocated. Stores that have been re-bannered are considered to be new stores and are not included in the calculation of the comparable store net sales change until after the first fifteen months of operation under the new brand.

At November 2, 2019, we operated stores in 48 states and the District of Columbia, as well as stores in five Canadian provinces. A breakdown of store counts and square footage by segment for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018 is as follows:

	39 Weeks Ended					
	November 2, 2019			November 3, 2018		
	Dollar Tree	Family Dollar	Total	Dollar Tree	Family Dollar	Total
Store Count:						
Beginning	7,001	8,236	15,237	6,650	8,185	14,835
New stores	286	120	406	237	166	403
Re-bannered stores	190	(199)	(9)	47	(49)	(2)
Closings	(30)	(342)	(372)	(11)	(38)	(49)
Ending	7,447	7,815	15,262	6,923	8,264	15,187
Relocations	35	10	45	44	9	53
Selling Square Feet (in millions):						
Beginning	60.3	59.8	120.1	57.3	59.3	116.6
New stores	2.5	0.9	3.4	2.0	1.2	3.2
Re-bannered stores	1.4	(1.4)	—	0.3	(0.3)	—
Closings	(0.2)	(2.4)	(2.6)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Relocations	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	—	0.1
Ending	64.1	56.9	121.0	59.6	59.9	119.5

Stores are included as re-banners when they close or open, respectively. Comparable store net sales for Dollar Tree may be negatively affected when a Family Dollar store is re-bannered near an existing Dollar Tree store.

The average size of stores opened during the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 was approximately 8,570 selling square feet for the Dollar Tree segment and 7,710 selling square feet for the Family Dollar segment. We believe that these size stores are in the ranges of our optimal sizes operationally and give our customers a shopping environment which invites them to shop longer, buy more and make return visits.

For the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019, comparable store net sales increased 2.5% on a constant currency basis. Constant currency basis refers to the calculation excluding the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations. We calculated the constant currency basis increase by translating the current year quarter's comparable store net sales in Canada using the prior year third quarter's currency exchange rates. We believe that the constant currency basis provides a more accurate measure of comparable store net sales performance. Including the impact of Canadian currency fluctuations, comparable store net sales increased the same 2.5% due to increases in average ticket and customer count. On a constant currency basis, comparable store net sales increased 2.8% in the Dollar Tree segment and increased 2.3% in the Family Dollar segment for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019. Including the impact of currency, comparable store net sales in the Dollar Tree segment increased the same 2.8%. Comparable store net sales are positively affected by our expanded and relocated stores, which we include in the calculation, and are negatively affected when we open new stores, re-banner stores or expand stores near existing stores.

We believe comparable store net sales continue to be positively affected by a number of our Dollar Tree initiatives. We continued the roll-out of frozen and refrigerated merchandise to more of our Dollar Tree stores in the third quarter of 2019 and as of November 2, 2019, the Dollar Tree segment had frozen and refrigerated merchandise in approximately 6,100 stores compared to approximately 5,580 stores at November 3, 2018. Over the past year, we rolled out a new layout to a number of our Dollar Tree stores, which we call our Snack Zone. This layout highlights our immediate consumption snack offerings in the front of the store near the checkout areas. As of November 2, 2019, we have this layout in approximately 2,090 Dollar Tree stores. We believe these initiatives have and will continue to enable us to increase sales and earnings by increasing the number of shopping trips made by our customers.

As announced in March 2019, we are currently executing a store optimization program for our Family Dollar stores to improve performance. This program consists of the following:

- A roll-out of a new model for both new and renovated Family Dollar stores internally known as H2. We tested the H2 model in 2018 on a limited basis with positive results. This H2 model has significantly improved merchandise offerings, including approximately 20 Dollar Tree \$1.00 merchandise sections and establishing a minimum number of freezer and cooler doors, throughout the store. H2 has increased traffic and provided an average comparable store net sales lift in excess of 10% over control stores. H2 performs well in a variety of locations and especially in locations where Family Dollar has been most challenged in the past. We started 2019 with approximately 200 H2 stores and as of November 2, 2019, we have approximately 1,460 H2 stores.
- We plan to close under-performing stores. The normal cadence of Family Dollar closings on an annual basis is approximately 75 stores. In 2019 we plan to close approximately 420 stores and have closed 342 stores as of November 2, 2019. We expect to incur approximately \$25.8 million in store closure costs and through the third quarter of 2019, we have incurred \$21.3 million. In addition to these costs, during 2019 we expect to incur approximately \$17.0 million of other store closure costs, primarily in connection with the disposal of fixed assets, of which substantially all has been incurred through November 2, 2019.
- We plan to re-banner as many as 200 Family Dollar stores to the Dollar Tree brand in 2019. As of November 2, 2019, we have re-bannered 190 stores to the Dollar Tree brand.
- Additionally, we plan to install adult beverage product in approximately 500 stores and continue to plan to expand freezers and coolers in approximately 75 stores in 2019. As of November 2, 2019, we installed adult beverage product in approximately 345 stores and expanded freezers and coolers in approximately 70 stores.

In fiscal 2019, in addition to the approximately \$42.8 million in store closure costs, we expect to incur approximately \$28.0 million of incremental initiative costs based on project count and velocity, of which substantially all has been incurred through November 2, 2019.

As part of our continuing integration of Family Dollar's organization and support functions, in 2019 we consolidated our store support centers in Matthews, North Carolina and Chesapeake, Virginia to our development in Chesapeake, Virginia. Approximately 30 percent of the Matthews associates, including more than 50 percent of the officers and directors, invited to move to Chesapeake agreed to do so. We expect the consolidation to be complete in 2019 and we expect to incur pre-tax expense of approximately \$29.0 million in 2019 in connection with these plans, of which approximately \$24.5 million was incurred through the third quarter of 2019.

Additionally, the following items have already impacted or could impact our business or results of operations during 2019 or in the future:

- The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) previously imposed tariffs under Section 301 against Chinese goods described on Lists 1, 2, and 3 with an annual trade value of \$250 billion. When the tariffs were implemented, approximately nine percent of our products, measured by sales volume, were on Lists 1, 2, and 3. To mitigate the potential adverse effect of the tariffs, we negotiated price concessions from vendors on certain products, canceled orders, changed product sizes and specifications, changed our product mix and changed vendors. As a result of our mitigation efforts, we believe that we have reduced most of the potential adverse effects of the tariffs under Lists 1, 2, and 3 on the Dollar Tree and Family Dollar segments through January 2020.
- Earlier this year, the USTR began a process to impose a tariff on all of the \$300 billion in Chinese goods which were not previously subject to a tariff under Section 301, referred to as List 4 goods. The USTR published the final description of products on List 4 and divided the list into two parts. Tariffs at the rate of 15 percent on List 4A goods went into effect September 1, 2019. Tariffs at the rate of 15 percent on List 4B goods are scheduled to go into effect December 15, 2019. We anticipate that more of our products are on List 4 than Lists 1, 2, and 3 combined. However, we also believe that most of our List 4 products are contained on List 4B and not List 4A.
- We estimate that Section 301 tariffs will increase our cost of goods sold by approximately \$19.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 if they are fully implemented as now scheduled. Almost all of this cost is due to List 4A because its timing did not allow for significant mitigation. We will continue to assess the future impact of those tariffs. We are not able to accurately predict that impact of mitigation until we can estimate the success of our current efforts. We can give no assurances as to the final scope, duration, or impact of any existing or future tariffs. The tariffs could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations next year.

- We anticipate higher import freight costs continuing into the fourth quarter of 2019 and beyond based on our April 2019 rate negotiations, and beginning in January 2020 based on the commencement of low sulphur fuel requirements for ships. We expect that this will result in higher costs in future periods as merchandise is sold.

Results of Operations

13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to the 13 weeks ended November 3, 2018

Net Sales. Net sales increased \$207.4 million, or 3.7%, compared with last year's third quarter, resulting from increases in comparable store net sales in the Dollar Tree and Family Dollar segments and sales of \$217.5 million in new stores, partially offset by lost sales resulting from store closures primarily on the Family Dollar segment. Comparable store net sales increased 2.5% on a constant currency basis as a result of a 1.4% increase in average ticket and a 1.1% increase in customer count. On a constant currency basis, comparable store net sales increased 2.8% in the Dollar Tree segment and increased 2.3% in the Family Dollar segment for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019. Comparable store net sales are positively affected by our expanded and relocated stores, which we include in the calculation, and are negatively affected when we open new stores, re-banner stores or expand stores near existing stores.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased by \$32.6 million to \$1,704.5 million in the third quarter of 2019 compared to \$1,671.9 million in the third quarter of 2018. Gross profit margin decreased to 29.7% in the current quarter from 30.2% in the same quarter last year. Our gross profit margin decrease was the result of the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 25 basis points resulting primarily from higher freight costs and higher sales of lower margin merchandise primarily in the Family Dollar segment.
- Distribution costs increased approximately 10 basis points resulting primarily from higher distribution center payroll costs and higher depreciation.
- Shrink costs increased approximately 10 basis points due to unfavorable inventory results in the current quarter.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$1,346.1 million in the third quarter of 2019 from \$1,284.1 million in the same quarter last year, an increase of \$62.0 million or 4.8%. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 23.5% in the third quarter of 2019 from 23.2% in the same quarter last year. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was a result of the net of the following:

- Operating and corporate expenses increased approximately 30 basis points resulting from costs related to the consolidation of our store support centers and costs related to the disposal of fixed assets resulting from store closures.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased approximately 5 basis points resulting from the investments made in H2 stores on the Family Dollar segment.
- Payroll expenses decreased approximately 10 basis points as lower insurance benefit expenses and retirement plan contributions were partially offset by increased store hourly payroll costs due to average hourly rate increases and additional hours, including increased temporary help expenses, to support store-level initiatives.

Operating Income. Operating income for the current quarter decreased to \$358.4 million compared with \$387.8 million in the same period last year and operating income margin decreased to 6.2% in the current quarter from 7.0% in last year's third quarter.

Interest expense, net. Interest expense, net was \$41.4 million in the third quarter of 2019 compared to \$47.6 million in the prior year quarter. The decrease is due to our having less debt outstanding as a result of the prepayment of the \$782.0 million Term Loan Facility in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Income Taxes. Our effective tax rate for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 was 19.3% compared to 17.1% for the 13 weeks ended November 3, 2018. In the third quarter of 2018, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$15.7 million based on the substantial completion of its analysis of the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on the net deferred tax liability valuation. This benefit resulted in a 4.6% decrease in the quarterly tax rate for the 13 weeks ended November 3, 2018. The current year tax rate reflects the benefits of statute expirations and the reconciliation of the tax provision to the tax returns.

39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018

Net Sales. Net sales in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 increased \$677.4 million, or 4.1%, compared with the same period last year, resulting from increases in comparable store net sales in the Dollar Tree and Family Dollar segments and sales of \$589.7 million at new stores, partially offset by lost sales resulting from store closures primarily on the Family Dollar segment.

Comparable store net sales increased 2.4% on a constant currency basis as a result of a 1.6% increase in average ticket and a 0.8% increase in customer count. Comparable store net sales increased 2.3% when including the impact of Canadian currency fluctuations. On a constant currency basis, comparable store net sales increased 2.6% in the Dollar Tree segment and increased 2.1% in the Family Dollar segment for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019. Comparable store net sales are positively affected by our expanded and relocated stores, which we include in the calculation, and are negatively affected when we open new stores, re-banner stores or expand stores near existing stores.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased by \$44.8 million to \$5,080.2 million in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to \$5,035.4 million in the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018. Gross profit margin decreased to 29.4% in the first nine months of 2019 from 30.3% in the first nine months of 2018. Our gross profit margin decrease was the result of the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 45 basis points resulting from higher freight costs and higher sales of lower margin consumable merchandise, primarily in the Family Dollar segment.
- Shrink costs increased approximately 15 basis points due to unfavorable inventory results, primarily in the Family Dollar segment, in the current year.
- Markdown expense increased approximately 15 basis points resulting primarily from markdowns related to store closures and higher clearance sales in the Family Dollar segment.
- Distribution costs increased approximately 10 basis points resulting primarily from higher distribution center payroll costs.
- Occupancy costs increased approximately 5 basis points resulting from the accelerated amortization of the right-of-use assets for Family Dollar stores we closed during 2019.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$4,067.4 million in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 from \$3,827.5 million in the same period last year, an increase of \$239.9 million or 6.3%. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 23.5% in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 from 23.0% in the same period last year. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was a result of the following:

- Operating and corporate expenses increased approximately 40 basis points resulting from increased costs related to the consolidation of our store support centers, costs related to the disposal of fixed assets due to store closures and increased store supplies expense to support the H2 initiative on the Family Dollar segment.
- Payroll expenses increased approximately 10 basis points primarily due to average hourly rate increases and additional hours, including higher temporary help expenses, to support store-level initiatives. These increases were partially offset by decreased retirement plan contributions.

Operating Income. Operating income for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 decreased to \$1,012.8 million compared with \$1,207.9 million in the same period last year and operating income margin decreased to 5.9% in the first nine months of 2019 from 7.3% in the first nine months of 2018.

Interest expense, net. Interest expense, net was \$122.9 million in the first nine months of 2019 compared to \$323.7 million in the first nine months of the prior year. The prior year included prepayment premiums totaling \$114.3 million and the acceleration of the expensing of \$41.2 million of amortizable non-cash deferred financing costs related to the debt refinancing in the first quarter of 2018. In addition, our 2018 debt refinancing resulted in lower interest rates and the prepayment of the \$782.0 million Term Loan Facility in the fourth quarter of 2018 resulted in our having less debt outstanding.

Income Taxes. Our effective tax rate for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 was 20.8% compared to 19.1% for the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018. In the third quarter of 2018, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$15.7 million based on the substantial completion of its analysis of the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on the net deferred tax liability valuation. The current year rate reflects the benefits of statute expirations and the reconciliation of the tax provision to the tax returns.

Segment Information

We operate a chain of more than 15,200 retail discount stores in 48 states and five Canadian provinces. Our operations are conducted in two reporting business segments: Dollar Tree and Family Dollar. We define our segments as those operations whose results our chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) regularly reviews to analyze performance and allocate resources.

The Dollar Tree segment is the leading operator of discount variety stores offering merchandise at the fixed price of \$1.00. The Dollar Tree segment includes our operations under the “Dollar Tree” and “Dollar Tree Canada” brands, 13 distribution centers in the United States and two distribution centers in Canada. Because of our Canadian operations, we report comparable store net sales on a constant currency basis.

The Family Dollar segment operates a chain of general merchandise retail discount stores providing consumers with a selection of competitively-priced merchandise in convenient neighborhood stores. The Family Dollar segment consists of our operations under the “Family Dollar” brand and 11 distribution centers.

We measure the results of our segments using, among other measures, each segment’s net sales, gross profit and operating income. The CODM reviews these metrics for each of our reporting segments. We may revise the measurement of each segment’s operating income, as determined by the information regularly reviewed by the CODM. If the measurement of a segment changes, prior period amounts and balances are reclassified to be comparable to the current period’s presentation. In the current year, we identified Corporate and support costs, mainly store support center costs that are considered shared services, and excluded these selling, general and administrative costs from our two reporting business segments. These costs include operating expenses for our store support centers in Chesapeake, Virginia and Matthews, North Carolina. During fiscal 2019 we consolidated our Matthews, North Carolina store support center with our store support center in Chesapeake, Virginia. We continue to own our facility in Matthews, North Carolina. Amounts for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018 have been reclassified to be comparable to the current year presentation.

Dollar Tree

The following table summarizes the operating results of the Dollar Tree segment:

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended				39 Weeks Ended			
	November 2, 2019		November 3, 2018		November 2, 2019		November 3, 2018	
	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 3,074.3		\$ 2,853.8		\$ 8,991.4		\$ 8,407.0	
Gross profit	1,050.5	34.2%	993.7	34.8%	3,070.8	34.2%	2,909.8	34.6%
Operating income	371.7	12.1%	366.4	12.8%	1,096.7	12.2%	1,069.9	12.7%

Net sales for the Dollar Tree segment increased 7.7% and 7.0% for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, respectively, compared to the same periods last year. These increases were due to sales from new stores of \$165.5 million and \$416.4 million for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, respectively, and comparable store net sales increases of 2.8% and 2.6% on a constant currency basis for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, respectively. For the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019, customer count increased 1.6% and average ticket increased 1.2%. For the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, customer count increased 1.5% and average ticket increased 1.1%.

Gross profit margin for the Dollar Tree segment decreased to 34.2% for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 34.8% for the same period last year as a result of the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 55 basis points primarily due to higher freight costs.
- Distribution costs increased approximately 10 basis points resulting primarily from higher distribution center payroll and depreciation costs.

Gross profit margin for the Dollar Tree segment decreased to 34.2% for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 34.6% for the same period last year as a result of the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 35 basis points primarily due to higher freight costs.
- Distribution costs increased approximately 10 basis points primarily due to higher distribution center payroll and depreciation costs.

Operating income margin for the Dollar Tree segment decreased to 12.1% for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 as compared to 12.8% for the same period last year. The decrease in operating income margin in the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 was the result of the gross profit margin decrease noted above and increased selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 22.1% as a percentage of net sales in the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 22.0% for the same period last year as a result of the net of the following:

- Operating expenses increased approximately 15 basis points resulting from increased debit and credit fees due to higher debit and credit card penetration and an increase in loss on disposal of assets resulting from an early lease termination in the current quarter.
- Payroll expenses decreased approximately 5 basis points due to lower retirement plan and insurance benefits expenses, partially offset by higher store hourly payroll costs resulting from average hourly rate increases and additional hours to support store-level initiatives.

Operating income margin for the Dollar Tree segment decreased to 12.2% for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 as compared to 12.7% for the same period last year. The decrease in operating income margin in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 was the result of the gross profit margin decrease noted above and increased selling, general and administrative expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 22.0% as a percentage of net sales for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 21.9% for the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018 as a result of the net of the following:

- Payroll expenses increased approximately 10 basis points due to higher store hourly payroll costs resulting from average hourly rate increases and additional hours to support store-level initiatives, partially offset by lower retirement plan expense.
- Operating expenses increased approximately 5 basis points primarily due to increased debit and credit fees resulting from higher debit and credit card penetration in the current year.
- Store operating costs decreased approximately 5 basis points resulting from lower utility costs as a percentage of net sales in the current year.

Family Dollar

The following table summarizes the operating results of the Family Dollar segment:

(in millions)	13 Weeks Ended				39 Weeks Ended			
	November 2, 2019		November 3, 2018		November 2, 2019		November 3, 2018	
	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 2,671.9		\$ 2,685.0		\$ 8,304.1		\$ 8,211.1	
Gross profit	654.0	24.5%	678.2	25.3%	2,009.4	24.2%	2,125.6	25.9%
Operating income	53.8	2.0%	83.7	3.1%	159.5	1.9%	341.2	4.2%

Net sales for the Family Dollar segment decreased \$13.1 million or 0.5% and increased \$93.0 million or 1.1% for the 13 and 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, respectively, compared to the same periods last year. These increases were due to comparable store net sales increases of 2.3% and 2.1%, respectively and \$52.0 million and \$173.4 million, respectively, of new store sales, partially offset by lost sales resulting from store closures that exceed historical closure rates as a result of the store optimization program. For the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019, average ticket increased 1.8% and customer count increased 0.5%. For the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019, average ticket increased 2.3% and customer count decreased 0.2%.

Gross profit for the Family Dollar segment decreased \$24.2 million or 3.6% for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to the same period last year. The gross profit margin for Family Dollar decreased to 24.5% for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 25.3% for the same period in the prior year. The decrease is due to the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 30 basis points, primarily due to higher freight costs and higher sales of lower margin consumable merchandise partially offset by improved initial mark-on.
- Shrink costs increased approximately 15 basis points resulting from unfavorable physical inventory results in the current quarter.

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- Distribution costs increased approximately 15 basis points resulting primarily from higher distribution center payroll costs and higher distribution center asset disposals.
- Occupancy costs increased approximately 10 basis points due to higher store real estate tax expense.
- Markdown expense increased approximately 5 basis points resulting from higher clearance activity in the current quarter.

Gross profit for the Family Dollar segment decreased \$116.2 million or 5.5% for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to the same period last year. The gross profit margin for Family Dollar decreased to 24.2% for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 25.9% for the same period in the prior year. The decrease is due to the following:

- Merchandise cost, including freight, increased approximately 70 basis points, primarily due to higher sales of lower margin consumable merchandise and higher freight costs.
- Shrink costs increased approximately 35 basis points resulting from unfavorable physical inventory results in the current year and an increase in the shrink accrual rate.
- Markdown expense increased approximately 35 basis points resulting from store closure markdowns and higher clearance activity.
- Distribution costs increased approximately 15 basis points resulting primarily from higher merchandising and distribution payroll-related costs.
- Occupancy costs increased approximately 10 basis points resulting primarily from the accelerated amortization of the right-of-use assets for stores which were closed during 2019 in connection with the store optimization program.

Operating income margin for the Family Dollar segment decreased to 2.0% for the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 as compared to 3.1% for the same period last year resulting from the gross margin decrease noted above and an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales. Selling, general and administrative expenses were 22.5% as a percentage of net sales in the 13 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 22.2% for the same period last year. The current quarter increase in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales was due to the following:

- Operating expenses increased approximately 25 basis points resulting primarily from higher costs related to the disposal of fixed assets in connection with the store optimization program.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased approximately 10 basis points as a result of depreciation on investments made in H2 stores.

Operating income margin for the Family Dollar segment decreased to 1.9% for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 as compared to 4.2% for the same period last year resulting from the gross margin decrease noted above and an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales. Selling, general and administrative expenses were 22.3% as a percentage of net sales in the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 compared to 21.7% for the same period last year. The current year increase in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales was due to the net of the following:

- Operating expenses increased approximately 40 basis points resulting primarily from higher costs related to the disposal of fixed assets in connection with the store optimization program and higher store supplies expense to support the H2 initiative.
- Payroll expenses increased approximately 20 basis points primarily due to average hourly rate increases and additional hours, including increased temporary help expenses, to support store-level initiatives.
- Store operating costs increased approximately 5 basis points due primarily to higher repairs and maintenance costs in the current year.
- Depreciation and amortization expense decreased approximately 10 basis points as a result of certain assets that were revalued upon the 2015 acquisition becoming fully depreciated and/or amortized, partially offset by increased depreciation on investments made in H2 stores.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our business requires capital to build and open new stores, expand our distribution network and operate, expand and renovate our existing stores. Our working capital requirements for existing stores are seasonal in nature and typically reach their peak in the months of September and October. Historically, we have satisfied our seasonal working capital requirements for existing stores

and have funded our store opening and distribution network expansion programs from internally generated funds and borrowings under our credit facilities.

The following table compares cash-flow related information for the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019 and November 3, 2018:

(in millions)	39 Weeks Ended	
	November 2, 2019	November 3, 2018
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 1,014.5	\$ 1,050.9
Investing activities	(768.7)	(619.4)
Financing activities	(212.0)	(820.6)

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$36.4 million primarily as a result of lower current year earnings, net of non-cash items, a smaller increase in accounts payable and higher estimated tax payments in the current year, partially offset by lower cash payments for inventory.

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$149.3 million primarily due to increased capital expenditures related to the Family Dollar segment store optimization program, including H2 renovations and re-banners, partially offset by grant money received from state and local governments for our Summit Pointe development.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$608.6 million compared with the prior year, primarily due to our debt refinancing in 2018, which resulted in debt payments exceeding the proceeds from long-term debt by \$656.9 million and the payment of \$155.3 million of debt-issuance and extinguishment costs, partially offset by \$200.0 million of cash paid in 2019 for stock repurchases.

At November 2, 2019, our long-term borrowings were \$4.3 billion and we had \$1.1 billion available under our revolving credit facility. We also have \$330.0 million in Letter of Credit Reimbursement and Security Agreements with various financial institutions, under which approximately \$165.5 million was committed to letters of credit issued for routine purchases of imported merchandise as of November 2, 2019.

We repurchased 1,967,355 shares of common stock on the open market for \$200.0 million during the 39 weeks ended November 2, 2019. There were no shares repurchased on the open market during the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2018. As of November 2, 2019, we had \$800.0 million remaining under Board repurchase authorization.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See “Note 1 - Basis of Presentation,” to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in “Part I. Financial Information, Item 1. Financial Statements” of this Form 10-Q, for a detailed description of recent accounting pronouncements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We are exposed to various types of market risk in the normal course of our business, including the impact of interest rate changes and diesel fuel cost changes. We may enter into interest rate or diesel fuel swaps to manage exposure to interest rate and diesel fuel price changes. We do not enter into derivative instruments for any purpose other than cash flow hedging and we do not hold derivative instruments for trading purposes.

Interest Rate Risk

At November 2, 2019, our variable rate debt consists of our \$750.0 million Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2020 (the “Floating Rate Notes”), which represents approximately 17% of our total debt. Borrowings under the Floating Rate Notes bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to LIBOR plus 70 basis points. A 1.0% increase in LIBOR would result in an increase in interest expense related to our Floating Rate Notes of \$3.5 million through the April 2020 maturity date.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Our management has carried out, with the participation of the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of November 2, 2019, the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were designed and functioning effectively to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended November 2, 2019 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

From time to time, we are defendants in ordinary, routine litigation or proceedings incidental to our business, including allegations regarding:

- employment-related matters;
- infringement of intellectual property rights;
- personal injury/wrongful death claims;
- real estate matters related to store leases;
- environmental and safety issues; and
- product safety matters, which may include regulatory matters such as product recalls in cooperation with the Consumer Products Safety Commission or other jurisdictions.

In addition, we are currently defendants in national and state employment-related class and collective actions, several thousand employment-related arbitrations and litigation concerning injury from products. For a discussion of these proceedings, please refer to “Note 2 - Legal Proceedings,” included in “Part I. Financial Information, Item 1. Financial Statements” of this Form 10-Q.

We will vigorously defend ourselves in these matters. We do not believe that any of these matters will, individually or in the aggregate, have a material effect on our business or financial condition. We cannot give assurance, however, that one or more of these lawsuits will not have a material effect on our results of operations for the period in which they are resolved. Based on the information available, including the amount of time remaining before trial, the results of discovery and the judgment of internal and external counsel, we are unable to express an opinion as to the outcome of those matters which are not settled and cannot estimate a potential range of loss except as specified in Note 2. When a range is expressed, we are currently unable to determine the probability of loss within that range.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors described in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2019, other than as set forth in the discussion of risk factors in the “A Warning About Forward-Looking Statements” section and in the discussion of tariffs in the “Overview” section within “Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of this Form 10-Q.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

The following table presents our share repurchase activity during the third quarter of 2019:

Fiscal Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs (in millions)
August 4 - August 31, 2019	125,048	\$ 93.13	125,048	\$ 800.0
September 1 - October 5, 2019	—	—	—	800.0
October 6 - November 2, 2019	—	—	—	800.0
Total	125,048	\$ 93.13	125,048	\$ 800.0

As of November 2, 2019, we had approximately \$800.0 million remaining under Board repurchase authorization.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	
3.1	Amended Articles of Incorporation of Dollar Tree, Inc., effective June 20, 2013	8-K	3.1	6/21/2013	
3.2	Amended Bylaws of Dollar Tree, Inc., effective March 5, 2019	8-K	3.1	3/6/2019	
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
101	The following financial statements from the Company's 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended November 2, 2019, formatted in Inline XBRL: (i) Condensed Consolidated Income Statements, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (v) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (vi) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements				X
104	The cover page from the Company's 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended November 2, 2019, formatted in Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101				X

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DOLLAR TREE, INC.

Date: November 26, 2019

By: /s/ Kevin S. Wampler
Kevin S. Wampler
Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

Chief Executive Officer Certification

I, Gary Philbin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dollar Tree, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 26, 2019

/s/ Gary Philbin

Gary Philbin

President and Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer Certification

I, Kevin S. Wampler, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dollar Tree, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 26, 2019

/s/ Kevin S. Wampler
Kevin S. Wampler
Chief Financial Officer

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dollar Tree, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending November 2, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Gary Philbin, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss.1350, as adopted pursuant to ss.906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

November 26, 2019

Date

/s/ Gary Philbin

Gary Philbin

President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been furnished to Dollar Tree, Inc. and will be retained by Dollar Tree, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dollar Tree, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending November 2, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Kevin S. Wampler, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss.1350, as adopted pursuant to ss.906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

November 26, 2019

Date

/s/ Kevin S. Wampler

Kevin S. Wampler

Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been furnished to Dollar Tree, Inc. and will be retained by Dollar Tree, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.