ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN (D):

“Illinois’ main street businesses are critical to ensuring our long-term economic stability, which is why they must be able to compete with every company doing business online in Illinois. This law will put Illinois-based businesses on a level playing field, protect and create jobs and help us continue to grow in the global marketplace.”

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE (R):
“I just want to make clear that I have been working on this issue in my role on the executive committee of the National Governors Association because it is an important issue to all the nation’s governors. And I too – urge the federal government and the Congress in particular to get behind Senator Lamar Alexander’s legislation to allow states to be able to make these choices for themselves.”

(Press Conference, Governor Chris Christie, 5/31/12)
ALABAMA GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY (R):

“The bills will give Alabama the authority to collect sales taxes – as we currently do from local brick-and-mortar retailers – that are already owed from online retailers. Allowing us to effectively close this sales tax loophole would help both our state’s finances and our state’s small businesses.”

(Letter, Governor Bentley to Members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, 4/19/12)
COLORADO GOVERNOR JOHN HICKENLOOPER (D):

“Gov. John Hickenlooper, while not having seen the ruling, said Thursday that all retailers should collect and pay the taxes owed the state. ‘Is it fair that local bookstores are getting beat up over these sales on the Internet? There should be a national way of collecting sales tax, of leveling the playing field.’”

(Marianne Goodland, “Amazon Tax Blocked By Colorado Court,” Colorado Statesman, 1/28/12)
MINNESOTA GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON (D):
“This results in a loss of state revenue and gives these remote retailers an unfair competitive advantage over Main Street Minnesota retailers. Passing the Internet Sales Tax Fairness bill would level the playing field for Minnesota businesses.”

(“Internet Sales Tax Coming To Minnesota?” My Fox Nine, 1/11/12)
NEVADA GOVERNOR BRIAN SANDOVAL (R):

“The only way to completely resolve this issue is for Congress to enact legislation that, within a simplified nationwide framework, grants states the right to require collection by all sellers,’ Sandoval said in a statement.”

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR MIKE BEEBE (D):
“We have a lot of local businesses in Arkansas, both small and large companies, that collect sales tax and we’re trying to level the playing field,” a spokesman for Gov. Beebe says.

(“Arkansas Governor Signs “Amazon Tax” Law”, Internet Retailer.com, 4/5/2011)
MAINE GOVERNOR PAUL LEPAGE (R):
“There’s no denying that passing the bill would give thousands of small Maine businesses a real boost. Through no fault of their own, federal policy now gives some out-of-state corporations an unfair advantage over other Maine retailers.”

(Letter, Governor LePage to Senators Snowe and Collins, 3/12/12)
CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN (D):
“The new law will create tens of thousands of jobs and inject hundreds of millions of dollars back into critical services like education and public safety in future years.”

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER (R):
“Technology currently exists to quickly and effectively calculate taxes due on sales and can easily be integrated into online retailers’ operations. It is time for Congress to grant states the authority to enforce sales tax and use laws on all retailers doing business in their state.”

(Letter, Governor Snyder to Senate Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell 5/9/12)
CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALOY (D):
“I also believe there are trends at play in the United States that are going to move in the right direction to dissipate the unfair advantage that these kinds of [Internet] retailers have over job-producers in our state.”

(“Connecticut To Press Amazon To Collect State Sales Tax,” CBS New York, 10/09/11)
GEORGIA GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL (R):
“Gov. Nathan Deal is considering extending the state sales tax to online purchases, he told newspaper publishers Thursday morning … ‘In the absence of congressional activity on that ... I think there will be some appetite to act on that in the legislature,’ he said.”

(Walter C. Jones, “Gov. Nathan Deal Considers Online Sales Tax For Georgia,” The Augusta Chronicle, 1/12/12)
SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR DENNIS DAUGAARD (R):
“On March 11, South Dakota enacted S.B. 146, sales tax legislation that requires out-of-state retailers that sell to in-state residents to notify their customers of their personal use tax obligation. Under the law, online sellers are required to provide clear notice to consumers during the checkout process that a South Dakota use tax is due.”

IDAHO GOVERNOR C. L. “BUTCH” OTTER (R):
“Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter backs taxing Internet sales to level the playing field between virtual businesses and brick-and-mortar establishments on Idaho’s Main Street. Otter made the remarks to Idaho chamber of commerce leaders meeting in Boise on Monday.”

(“Idaho Governor Supports Internet Sales Tax,” The Associated Press, 1/30/12)
MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O’MALLEY (D):
“I strongly urge your support for the Marketplace Fairness Act, and similar proposals that provide a mechanism for states to simplify their sales tax systems and instill parity for in-state businesses – whether they conduct their transaction in person or online. This important legislation, that has bipartisan support among Governors and members of Congress alike, could help ease the burden on state budgets while imposing no new taxes.”

(Letter, Governor O’Malley to Members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, 12/21/11)
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY (R):

“‘And I will tell you regardless of what happens with Amazon, we want them. I have told them we want you to do business in this state, but we want you to do it on a level playing field. They got free property, they got tax incentives, they got plenty of things. Don’t ask us to give you sales tax relief when we’re not giving it to the book store down the street or we’re not giving it to the other stores on the other side of town, it’s just not a level playing field.’”

(Press Conference, Governor Nikki Haley, 4/28/11)
WASHINGTON GOVERNOR CHRISTINE GREGOIRE (D): “Passing the bipartisan Marketplace Fairness Act, or something close to it, is critical ... Marketplace Fairness and similar legislation will give states remote collection authority for sales tax from sellers not physically present in the state – bringing parity to main street businesses and on-line retailers.”

(Letter, Governor Gregoire To Members Of The Washington State Congressional Delegation, 2/8/12)
INDIANA GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS (R):
“[S]ales taxes that [states] impose ought to be paid, and paid by everybody equally and collected by everybody in the retail business ... We’re not talking about an additional or new tax here – we’re talking about the collection of a tax that’s existed a long time.”

(Jeremy Hobson, “Indiana Makes A Deal With Amazon On Sales Taxes,” Marketplace Business, 1/12/12)
MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK (D):
“I am writing to express Governor Patrick’s support for federal legislation authorizing states to collect sales tax on remote sellers like Internet sellers. We join the National Governors Association and more than 25 other states in supporting federal legislation to ensure that this collection takes place.”

(Letter, Secretary Of State Jay Gonzalez To Sens. Max Baucus & Orrin Hatch, And Reps. Lamar Smith & John Conyers, 1/9/12)
IOWA GOVERNOR TERRY BRANSTAD (R):

“I understand that the coalition supporting this legislation is now very broad which gives me hope that, under your leadership, this legislation can be passed yet this year. The Internet is now a robust, mature and dynamic marketplace that does not warrant special protections. The application of sales taxes only to ‘brick-and-mortar’ retailers, many of which are small businesses, puts those very entities at a competitive disadvantage.”

(Letter, Governor Branstad to Senators Grassley and Harkin 6/7/12)
RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR LINCOLN CHAFEE (D):
“Governor Lincoln D. Chafee will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah this afternoon ... Governor Chafee plans to use the conference as a forum to advocate for the Main Street Fairness Act, which is currently under consideration in the U.S. Senate. Rhode Island will lose out on a projected $70.4 million in tax revenue this fiscal year as a result of the current discrepancy between bricks-and-mortar businesses, who are required to charge sales tax, and online retailers, who are not.”

(Press Release, “Governor Chafee To Attend National Governors Association's 103rd Annual Meeting In Salt Lake City, Utah,” Governor Lincoln Chafee, 7/14/11)
TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM (R):
“The National Governors Association applauds your efforts to level the playing field between Main Street retailers and online sellers by introducing S. 1832, the ‘Marketplace Fairness Act.’ This common sense approach will allow states to collect the taxes they are owed, help businesses comply with different state laws, and provide fair competition between retailers that will benefit consumers.”

UTAH GOVERNOR GARY HERBERT (R):
“On March 24, 2012, Utah Governor Gary Herbert signed into law an affiliate nexus bill that will require certain remote sellers to collect and remit Utah sales tax, effective July 1, 2012.”

(“Utah Enacts Affiliate Nexus Bill,” Sales Tax Institute, 3/24/12)
NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR BEV PERDUE (D):
“Gov. Bev Perdue supports the effort to tax all online purchases. She believes a successful solution has to come from the federal level. ‘It’s kind of like immigration reform,’ she said. ‘You can’t have 50 different systems, which is where the states are headed now. You’ve got to have a national system.’”

(“Legislation Could Mean Online Sales Tax,” WRAL-TV, 8/2/10)
VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL (R):
“This bill helps to ensure that online retailers with a physical presence in Virginia are treated the same as traditional brick-and-mortar retailers who are already required to collect and remit existing sales taxes on goods sold in the commonwealth.”

National Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

American Apparel and Footwear Association
American Booksellers Association
American Specialty Toy Retailing Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Association for Christian Retail
California Association of College Store
Campus Stores of New England
Certified Commercial Investment Member Institute
College Stores Association of North Carolina
Consumer Electronics Association
Consumer Electronics Retailers Association
Food Marketing Institute
Independent Running Retailer Association
National Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Institute of Real Management
International Council of Shopping Centers
Jewelers of America
Middle Atlantic College Stores
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of College Stores
NAMM, National Association of Music Merchants
NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts
National Association of Realtors
National Bicycle Dealers Association
National Grocers Association
National Home Furnishings Association
National Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

National Retail Federation
North American Retail Dealers Association
Outdoor Industry Association (OIA)
Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
Professional Beauty Association
Real Estate Roundtable
Realtors Land Institute
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Soccer Dealer Association
Society of Industrial and Office Realtors
Southwest Association of College Bookstores
Tri-State Bookstore Association
World Floor Covering Association
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Alabama Retail Association
Alabama College Bookstore Association
Alaska Veterinary Medical Association
Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers
Arizona Retailers Association
Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants Association
Association of Washington Business
California Business Properties Association
California Retailers Association
California Veterinary Medical Association
Carolinas Food Industry Council
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
Colorado Retail Council
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Connecticut Retail Merchants Association
Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, WA
Delaware Veterinary Medical Association
Florida Retail Federation
Georgia Retail Association
Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
Idaho Retailers Association
Idaho Veterinary Medical Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association
Indiana Association of College Stores
Indiana Retail Council
Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Iowa Retail Federation
Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Kentucky Retail Federation
Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Retailers Association
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
Maine Merchants Association
Maine Veterinary Medical Association
Maryland Retailers Association
Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association
Michigan Association of College Stores
Michigan Retailers Association
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness
Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
Minnesota Retail Association
Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association
Missouri Retailers Association
Mountains and Plains Independent Booksellers Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
New Atlantic Independent Booksellers Association
New England Independent Booksellers Association
New Jersey Retail Merchants Association
New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association
New Mexico Retail Association
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

North Carolina Retail Merchants Association
North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association
North Dakota Retail Association
Ohio Association of College Stores
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association
Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association
Pennsylvania Retailers' Association
Retail Association of Mississippi
Retail Association of Nevada
Retail Council of New York State
Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Rhode Island Retail Federation
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Retail Merchants Association
South Carolina Association of Veterinarians
South Dakota Retailers Association
Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance
Tennessee Association of College Stores
Tennessee Retail Association
Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
Texas Retailers Association
Utah Food Industry Association
Utah Retail Merchants Association
Utah Veterinary Medical Association
State/Local Associations That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Vermont Retail Association
Virginia Retail Merchants Association
Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
Washington Retail Association
Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
West Virginia Retailers Association
West Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Wyoming Retail Association
Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness
Abbell Credit Corporation, Chicago, IL
Acadia Realty Trust, White Plains, NY
Amazon.com
AutoZone
Balliet's LLC
Barnes and Noble
Beall"s Inc.
Bed, Bath, & Beyond
Ben Bridge Jewelers, Seattle, WA
Best Buy
Blake Hunt Ventures, Inc., Danville, CA
John Bucksbaum, Private Real Estate Investor/Developer, Former Chairman and CEO of General GrowthProperties, Inc., Chicago, IL
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Build-A-Bear Workshop®, Saint Louis, MO
CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., Chattanooga, TN
Cencor Realty Services, Dallas, TX
Chesterfield Blue Valley, LLC, St. Louis, MO
The Container Store, Dallas, Texas
The CortiGilchrist Partnership, llc, Al Corti, Principal, San Diego, CA
Dick's Sporting Goods
DDR Corp., Beachwood, OH
DLC Management Corp., Tarrytown, NY
Donahue Schriber Realty Group, Costa Mesa, CA
Edens & Avant, Columbia, SC
Evergreen Devco, Inc., Glendale, CA
Fairfield Corporation, Battle Creek, MI
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness

Federal Realty Investment Trust, Rockville, MD
FedTax, David Campbell, CEO
L. Michael Foley and Associates, LLC, La Jolla, CA
Foot Locker, Inc.
Forest City Enterprises, Inc., Cleveland, OH
Gap Inc., San Francisco, CA
Garrison Pacific Properties, San Rafael, CA
General Growth Properties, Chicago, IL
Glimcher Realty Trust, Columbus, OH
The Greeby Companies, Inc., Chicago, IL
Hart Realty Advisers, Inc., Simsbury, CT
David Hocker & Associates, Inc., Owensboro, Kentucky
D. Talmage Hocker, The Hocker Group, Louisville, KY
Companies that Support Sales Tax Fairness
The Home Depot
Hutensky Capital Partners, Hartford, CT
Hy-Vee, Inc.
Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.
Kemper Development Company, Bellevue, WA
Kimco Realty Corporation, New Hyde Park, NY
Limited Brands, Columbus OH
Lowes Companies, Inc.
Malcolm Riley and Associates Los Angeles, CA
Mary Lou Fiala, CEO, Loft Unlimited, Ponte Vedra Beach Florida
Marketing Developments, Inc. MI
Meijer
The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness
Planning Developments, Inc. MI
JC Penney
Petco
The Pratt Company, Mill Valley, CA
The Rappaport Companies, McLean, VA
REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.)
Reininga Corporation, Healdsburg, CA
RMResources, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI
Sears Holdings Corporation
The Seayco Group, Bentonville, AK
The Sembler Company, St. Petersburg, FL
Simon Property Group, Indianapolis, IN
Staples, Inc.
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness
Steiner + Associates LLC, Columbus, Ohio
Stirling Properties, Covington, LA
Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc., Greensboro, NC
Target Corporation
Taubman Realty Group, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Tractor Supply Company
Vestar Development Co. - Phoenix AZ
VPI-Commercial Realty LLC – Knoxville, TN
Wal-Mart Stores, Bentonville, AR
Weingarten Realty Investors, Houston TX
The Weitzman Group, Dallas, Texas
Wendy's Company
Western Development Corporation, Washington, DC
Companies That Support Sales Tax Fairness
Westfield, LLC., Los Angeles, CA
WDP Partners, LLC, Phoenix, AZ
Wolfe Properties, LLC, St. Louis, MO
Woolrich Inc., Woolrich, PA
Zumiez, Inc.