

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.”

(David Ormsby, “Gov. Pat Quinn OKs ‘Amazon.com’ Sales Tax,” The Illinois Observer, 3/11/2011)

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.”

(Ed Vogel, “Gov. Sandoval Reaches Sales Tax Deal With Amazon,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 4/24/12)

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.”

(Marc Lifsher, “Gov. Jerry Brown Signs Amazon Sales Tax Collection Law,” *Los Angeles Times*, 9/23/2011)

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.”

(Rosemary Hawkins, “Sales Tax Bills Pass In Arkansas And South Dakota,” American Booksellers Association, 3/3/11)

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.”

(Letter, National Governors Association To Sens. Durbin, Enzi, Tim Johnson & Alexander Endorsing S. 1832, The Marketplace Fairness Act, 11/28/11)

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.”

(Press Release, “Governor McDonnell Announces Agreement Reached On Tax Fairness Bill,” Governor Bob McDonnell, 2/22/12)

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 Growth Properties, 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.