

November 10, 2015

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz U.S. House of Representatives 2236 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Remote Transactions Parity Act (H.R. 2775)

Dear Congressman Chaffetz:

On behalf of the Arkansas Municipal League and its 501 member cities and towns, I am writing to thank you for sponsoring the Remote Transactions Parity Act (RTPA, H.R. 2775). As you know, this bill will modernize our nation's outdated sales tax process and will level the playing field between online sellers and brick and mortar stores.

RTPA will allow cities and towns in Arkansas to gain access to a tremendous amount of resources that have been left uncollected for too long. Arkansas misses out on capturing approximately a quarter billion dollars annually.

This bill is a win-win solution as it does not raise taxes but will increase sales tax collections at the state, county and local level in Arkansas. Capturing the \$236,311,930 currently left on the table will enable our members to provide their citizens with critical public services such as infrastructure, and police and fire services.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and your efforts for all of Arkansas's cities and towns.

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Very truly yours,

Don A. Zimmerman

Executive Director

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