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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Chaffetz,

On behalf of all of the communities across the State of Michigan, I would like to thank you for your introduction of the Remote Transactions Parity Act (H.R. 2775). As you are aware, this Act would modernize our existing tax structure by leveling the playing field between the retailers investing in our communities' downtowns and those operating online. This bill would not raise taxes, but closes the sales tax loophole that creates a disadvantage to brick and mortar businesses.

The Act would also allow communities to access the resources that inaction has left on the table for far too long. In Michigan alone, sales tax parity would bring nearly \$300 Million to assist with critical public services such as infrastructure, and police and fire services.

Again, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and will be communicating with our Michigan delegation directly and encouraging our community leaders to do the same.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Summer Minnick, Director of External Relations and Federal Affairs, directly at 517-908-0301 or [sminnick@mml.org](mailto:sminnick@mml.org).

Thank you for your active support of our communities.  
Sincerely,

Dan Gilmartin, Executive Director and CEO  
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