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Dear Chairman Chaffetz,

On behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), we write to commend your leadership in drafting the "Remote Transactions Parity Act of 2015," which would address the ability of states to collect sales taxes on remote transactions, without increasing the consumer's sales tax. We are pleased to support this legislation without reservations and respectfully request that you move this legislation in this session of Congress.

Last congress, during the Judiciary Committee hearing that concerned the collection of sales taxes on remote transactions, two issues were raised: 1) the possible impact of audits on small remote sellers; and 2) the implementation cost of the software to collect sales taxes. After the hearing, seeing the need to address these concerns, you conveyed a meeting of the various stakeholders to develop workable solutions that would ensure the ability of the states to be able to collect remote sales taxes and remove any undue burdens on small sellers.

NCSL, along with the National Governors Association (NGA), was pleased to work with you and your staff on provisions to ensure that small sellers will never be burdened by out of state audits; that will provide a process for the certification of Certified Software Providers (CSP); and that will ensure that states will be responsible for remote sellers' costs in utilizing a CSP. We strongly support these provisions in your legislation.

Having long been a supporter of a federal efairness solution, NCSL supports legislation that does not raise sales taxes on consumers, that ensures retail parity, and that does not impose burdens on any retailers conducting interstate commerce. The "Remote Transactions Parity Act" more than accomplishes these objectives and reflects the dedication and hard work of you and your staff in solving one of the most pressing issue for states.

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On behalf of our members from across the country, we thank you for your leadership in supporting the rights of states to maintain our taxing authority without being an impediment to interstate commerce.

Sincerely,



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