



June 15, 2015

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

Dear Congressman Chaffetz:

On behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the nation's 3,069 counties, I write to express our appreciation for your leadership in addressing the issue of remote sales tax collection.

As representatives of local government, which rely on sales taxes to fund county services like road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, education and infrastructure, the ability to collect existing taxes has been a long-standing priority for us. While your legislation is important in moving us towards collection of remote sales tax, it is also beneficial to main street businesses which are the backbone of our local economies. The increasing strength of electronic commerce creates exciting new marketplaces, but it has also put traditional retail outlets at an unfair disadvantage because of outdated tax environments.

Thank you for introducing the *Remote Transaction Parity Act* which would enable state and local governments to collect taxes due on remote sales. We appreciate that you recognize the longstanding Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA), adopted a phase-in approach for small-sellers and utilize the destination-based approach for sourcing remote sales in your bill. We look forward to working with you as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matthew D. Chase'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a blue oval scribble above the name.

Matthew D. Chase  
Executive Director  
National Association of Counties