



June 15, 2015

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Conyers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Chaffetz and Conyers:

I am writing to express the support of the National Retail Federation (NRF) for the Remote Transactions Parity Act of 2015. By way of background, the NRF is the world's largest retail trade association, representing discount and department stores, home goods and specialty stores, Main Street merchants, grocers, wholesalers, chain restaurants and Internet retailers from the United States and more than 45 countries. Retail is the nation's largest private sector employer, supporting one in four U.S. jobs – 42 million working Americans. Contributing \$2.6 trillion to annual GDP, retail is a daily barometer for the nation's economy.

The Remote Transactions Parity Act provides a level playing field among retail competitors by requiring that all retailers collect the same sales tax on similar items purchased in the same jurisdiction. Importantly, your bill is a great improvement over bills that addressed this issue in previous Congresses because it adds significant simplification to the sales tax collection process and removes both the compliance and audit burdens for remote sellers that choose to use certified software providers.

As retailing evolves and Internet sales become a more prominent portion of total retail sales, it is critical that Congress address the sales tax collection disadvantage that the federal government has placed on Main Street retailers in every community. Your bill addresses this important issue, but in a way that protects small remote sellers from increased compliance or audit burdens. We commend you for developing a solution to the sales tax collection loophole that is fair for all retailers, and look forward to working with you toward enactment of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David French'.

David French
Senior Vice President
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cc: The Honorable John Boehner
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi