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June 16, 2015

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
United States House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

The Honorable Steve Womack  
United States House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Representatives Chaffetz and Womack,

We want to thank you for the leadership you have demonstrated by introducing the Remote Transaction Parity Act of 2015, an important proposal for local and online retailers across our country. We especially appreciate the thoroughness and inclusiveness of your stakeholder review process, and the care with which you have crafted this legislation to address the concerns of the many stakeholders interested in resolving the issue of sales tax parity at point of sale. Your solution strengthens systems already in place, ensures minimal burden for retailers, respects state sovereignty, and restores transparency and free market competition for America's retail community.

As a technology company, we especially applaud your comprehensive approach to understanding and embracing the reality that contemporary technologies, when coupled with sound policy choices, can provide a secure and fully verified, yet easy-to-use solution for e-fairness. The business-friendly protections you have included in your bill regarding audit limits, liability protections, and free software, are especially noteworthy. These issues are important for us given that the vast majority of businesses we serve are very small. We appreciate the attention you have paid to their needs and concerns.

Our service, TaxCloud, is a free sales tax compliance service which we operate as a Certified Service Provider (or CSP) so retailers can easily comply with state and local sales tax laws. As a CSP (one of several), our service manages practically all aspects of sales tax compliance, including real-time presentation and application of all state and local sales tax rates. In addition, CSPs handle exemptions administration, filing and remittance tasks, and even responds to notices and audit inquiries. We currently calculate state and local sales taxes, without error, for approximately 9,000 online retailers. The systems and technologies employed by all CSPs are proven to be scalable, accurate, and secure through direct use in commerce since approximately 2006. Sales tax compliance



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managed by states-certified CSPs is in place now, and works very well, and we appreciate your recognition of these facts.

Absent much needed intervention by Congress, many of our retailers have been facing an expanding array of new laws and administrative rulings from many of the states to convince or coerce them into collecting and remitting sales tax for their in-state customers. Smaller retailers are particularly vulnerable to these efforts because they don't know what to do, or how to respond. Should they start collecting sales tax and face competitive risks, or ignore these state-by-state efforts and face risks of penalties and interest? Most retailers are ill-equipped to make this determination on their own, and cannot afford to wait for the results of litigation to find out the correct answer. Only Congress can provide a uniform set of guidelines. We applaud your understanding of the necessity for taking action, the importance of getting it done right, and the urgency of getting it done now.

We strongly support the Remote Transaction Parity Act, and look forward to working with you to enact and implement this law in a way that will reflect positively on your support, and the support of your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. David L. Campbell".

R. David L. Campbell  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Federal Tax Authority (FedTax)  
*The proud creators of [TaxCloud](#)*