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## **COMPANIES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS CALL ON THE SENATE TO PASS THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2013**

*Marketplace Fairness Coalition Releases Letter Urging Senators to Support  
Budget Amendment on S. 336*

**WASHINGTON, March 19, 2013** – Today the Marketplace Fairness Coalition released a letter signed by 251 companies, small businesses, and state and national trade associations. The letter asks the Members of the United States Senate to vote yes on a proposed amendment to the fiscal year 2014 Senate Budget Resolution in support of S. 336, the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013.

The Marketplace Fairness Act will give all sellers the chance to compete in a free market without government preferences, relieve consumers of having to self-report sales and use taxes they already owe, exempt truly small businesses, and give states a roadmap for simplification that will provide them with flexibility to respond to today's evolving marketplace. The bill was introduced by a bipartisan group of Senators, led by Senators Mike Enzi (R-WY), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) to address the inequality in today's marketplace.

"As the Congress seeks solutions to address the federal budget and the impacts of sequestration, the Marketplace Fairness Act is a proposal that will help states facing their own budget shortfalls without increasing the federal deficit," the individual companies and trade associations write in the letter. "Congress has an opportunity to enhance states' rights over sales and use tax collection authority and in the process level the playing field for all merchants," they conclude.

For more information about the Coalition, including a list of companies and organizations that support federal legislation, please visit [www.marketplacefairnessnow.org](http://www.marketplacefairnessnow.org).

The Marketplace Fairness Coalition supports federal legislation that empowers states to update their sales and use tax laws to level the playing field for all sellers. The Coalition is comprised of businesses of every size, sector and channel of product distribution, as well as state and national trade associations. The members of the Coalition represent nearly 3 million businesses, associations, and organizations located in every state throughout the country. The time has come for Congress to give businesses clarity and certainty by allowing states to update their laws to reflect a 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

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