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Coalition Praises Chairman Goodlatte For Commitment To Marketplace Fairness

(Washington, DC) – The Marketplace Fairness Coalition, which is comprised of businesses of every size, sector, and channel of product distribution, located in every state throughout the country, made the following statement regarding today’s principles released by House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte:

“It’s clear that Chairman Goodlatte is committed, as are many in Congress, to finally addressing this critical issue and leveling the playing field for all American businesses. This is a great first step in the House of Representatives towards closing the online loophole and restoring basic free market competition.

“It’s our hope that the Judiciary Committee will move forward quickly toward legislative text so that the House can build on the broad and bipartisan support this effort received in the Senate earlier this year.

“This is a long overdue step towards restoring state’s rights and allowing America’s small businesses to compete on a level playing field. We applaud the Chairman for his hard work.”

BACKGROUND:

- Going back to 1994, the Marketplace Fairness Act and previous related legislation has had more than 30 hearings in both the House and Senate. Most recently, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings on November 30, 2011 and again on July 24, 2012. The Senate passed MFA in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 69-27 on May 6, 2013.
- Last week, the Marketplace Fairness Coalition released a survey, which revealed that a majority of American voters support the Marketplace Fairness Act because it will restore basic free market principles and remove the government from picking winners and losers. To find a copy of the survey, please [click here](#).
- In July, renowned economist Dr. Arthur Laffer, the father of supply side economics, released an extensive study on this issue noting that over 1.5 million new jobs could be created by broadening the tax base and lowering tax rates. You can [read it here](#).

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