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Marketplace Fairness Coalition Applauds Broad & Bipartisan Vote in Support of a Level Playing Field, Restoring States' Rights

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Marketplace Fairness Coalition, which represents thousands of American businesses – large and small, as well as both brick-and-mortar and online – released the following statement regarding today's broad and bipartisan vote by the U.S. Senate in support of S.743, the *Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013*:

"It's not often in Washington these days that an issue garners the strong support of conservatives, moderates and liberals alike, but the Senate's vote speaks to the substantial bipartisan momentum behind the *Marketplace Fairness Act*.

"Across the country thousands of job creators have been seeking a level playing field on which to compete, while Governors in both parties have been asking the federal government to respect state's rights. This legislation addresses both of those issues, while offering key protections that exempt more than 99 percent of all online sellers.

"Despite the best efforts by a small group of opponents to mislead and misrepresent the facts, we are grateful that a strong, bipartisan Senate majority voted for a modern framework to protect states' rights and level the playing field.

"We recognize this fight is not over, but it's clear that Americans' belief in a free and fair marketplace is winning the day. As more Members join the 60 House cosponsors from both parties who are already supporting this effort, we're confident that the House will take up and pass this long overdue bill this Congress."

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