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Bi-partisan Effort to Protect Small Online Entrepreneurs
Senators Highlight the Economic Dangers of Online Sales Taxes

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Senators Ron Wyden, D-OR. and Kelly Ayotte R-NH. introduced a bipartisan resolution to protect small businesses from new tax collection burdens that would be imposed by Streamlined Sales Tax Proposals (SSTP). The resolution seeks to blunt efforts by others in Congress to establish a new, overarching sales tax system for online retail sales.

"Congress is trying to drive with a foot on the brake and the gas at the same time, since they're encouraging small business to create jobs while also threatening to impose new tax collection burdens." said Steve DelBianco, executive director of NetChoice.

Large retailers like Walmart, Target and now even Amazon support online sales tax legislation because their widespread physical presence already requires them to collect tax on their web sales. Even a little simplification helps these large retailers, while SSTP would impose big compliance costs on their small online competitors.

"Thankfully, these Senators are concerned about the costs and compliance burdens a new online sales tax regime would inflict on America's small businesses," said DelBianco.

NetChoice is an advocacy organization that fights threats to online commerce and promotes policies that protect Internet innovation and communication on a state, federal and international basis. The Washington, DC-based group protects Internet commerce-driven competition and battles rules that hinder consumer choice and hurt small businesses. For more information, see www.netchoice.org.

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