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NACo applauds Senate for passing online sales tax bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded the U.S. Senate for passing The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 and urged the U.S. House of Representatives to quickly pass the bipartisan legislation and send it to the president’s desk.

The Marketplace Fairness Act, strongly supported by NACo, would grant state and local governments the authority to enforce existing sales tax laws by requiring online and catalog retailers to collect sales tax at the time of transaction.

NACo Executive Director Matt Chase said the measure does not authorize new taxes, but simply provides a more fair way for state and local governments to collect online sales and use taxes already owed.

“This bill levels the playing field between online merchants and local brick and mortar businesses and addresses lost revenue that counties rely on to keep American communities healthy, vibrant, safe and fiscally sound.”

Should the bill pass the House, President Obama is expected to sign it into law.

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