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NACo applauds Senate action on online sales tax bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded Senate action late Monday which clears the way for floor consideration this week of legislation that would authorize state and local governments to collect already-owed sales and use taxes on online sales transactions.

The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 is a bipartisan, bicameral bill strongly supported by NACo that 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. The Obama Administration announced its support of the legislation on Monday, April 22.

“This is not a new tax, but a better way to collect sales and use taxes on online sales already owed,” said NACo Executive Director Matt Chase. “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.”

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,069 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.