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Dear Members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Kent Chamber of Commerce and our 480 members, I write today to urge you to support the Remote Transaction Parity Act (RTPA) previously known as the Marketplace Fairness Act. The RTPA is supported by businesses large and small and we are asking you to sign on in support of this important legislation.

The RTPA would be greatly beneficial to the businesses of Washington State. The RTPA would not impose new taxes: rather it would require online retailers to collect sales taxes that already exist. The RTPA provides economic neutrality which is a major tax policy principle. Currently many internet retailers and many consumers receive preferential tax treatment since states cannot require collection of sales tax when the seller does not have presence in the buyer's state. This loophole needs to be closed. The RTPA puts brick and mortar retailers within the City of Kent on equal footing with out of state online retailers. That's good for business and good for our local economy.

Thank you to those of you who have signed onto support this bill already. The RTPA has phenomenal bipartisan support both here locally and in Washington, D.C. We strongly urge you, if you haven't already, to sign on in support of this important piece of legislation for Washington State.

Thank you for your consideration of the Kent Chamber of Commerce's strong support of the RTPA.

Best Regards,

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