

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER TO THE REGION'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, passage of a Marketplace Fairness Act would allow states and local governments the option to collect sales tax from remote and online retailers; and

WHEREAS, brick and mortar retailers in the region are unfairly put at a five to ten percent competitive disadvantage by following the law and collecting sales tax at the time of purchase, while remote online retailers are not required to do so; and

WHEREAS, passing the Marketplace Fairness Act would allow local governments the option to collect billions of dollars in uncollected sales taxes on remote sales, and enable communities in our region to better provide essential services such as infrastructure, education, health, and public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The COG Board of Directors approves the attached letter regarding COG's support for Congressional actions in support of Marketplace Fairness legislation and directs the Executive Director, or his designee, to disseminate the letter of behalf of the Board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on February 11, 2015.

Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors