

2015 Legislative Priorities



January 14, 2015



» TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING



» WATER QUALITY
PROTECTION



» CLIMATE, ENERGY INNOVATION
AND AIR QUALITY PROTECTION



» WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT AND
ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Support Transportation Funding

- Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act
- Transportation Infrastructure Investment
- Continuation of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act
- Funding of Momentum/Metro 2025
- Increase the IRS Public Transportation Subsidy Program



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Support Water Quality Protection

- Endorse Affordability Criteria
- Investment in Water Infrastructure
- Ensure Stormwater Regulatory Feasibility
- Support Climate Resiliency Research
- Ensure Local Government Input
- Grant Regulatory Flexibility
- Support Water Security



Support Climate, Energy Innovation and Air Quality Protection

- Advocate for Clean Energy Finance
- Deploy Clean, Distributed Energy Generation Technology
- Improve Grid Resilience
- Support Energy Innovation
- Improve Air Quality



Support Workforce Development And Economic Competitiveness

- Align Education and Job Creation
- Support Workforce Development at the Local Level
- Support Local Governments and Activity Centers





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Legislative Issue Brief:

Marketplace Fairness Act

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Marketplace Fairness Act

- Addresses state and local governments' inability to require remote, sellers to collect taxes on transactions
- Brick and mortar retailers are put at a 5%-10% competitive disadvantage
- The Act allows states and local governments the option of enforcing existing sales tax laws on remote sales but does not create new taxes
- Zero impact of federal revenues, expenditures or federal Treasury



Marketplace Fairness Act

- 2013 – Marketplace Fairness Act passed the Senate
- 2014 – Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act (MITFA) filed
- 2015 – Legislative priority for the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the United States Conference of Mayors

