

## **County Chamber Supports Internet Sales/Tax Levy**

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has written to Congressman Tom Marino supporting legislation (H.R. 684) that would bring fairness to the market place in collecting state sales tax on online/internet purchases.

The Chamber supports a viable marketplace for all retail businesses, noting that local shops are part of the social and economic fabric of the area. Free enterprise must be treated fairly and promoted to maintain the elements of local jobs, local sales of goods and services, and retain and maintain local government.

Quote from the Chamber's President Carol Ferrell, manager of The Birch Creek Store in Mildred: "I am in favor of the act and vote yes to it. In

Pennsylvania we must collect sales tax on taxable items. When I sell on the internet I collect the proper tax by law. The internet has become competition to retail, you can find anything and they offer free shipping as a come-on and they collect no tax. What is fair to one should be fair to others. If you have time send a letter to Congressman Marino."