

**INDIANA GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS:**

“[S]ales taxes that [states] impose ought to be paid, and paid by everybody equally and collected by everybody in the retail business ... We’re not talking about an additional or new tax here – we’re talking about the collection of a tax that’s existed a long time.”  
(Marketplace Business, 1/12/12)

**FORMER MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR:**

“...[E]-commerce has grown, and there is simply no longer a compelling reason for government to continue giving online retailers special treatment over small businesses who reside on the Main Streets across Mississippi and the country. The time to level the playing field is now...”(Letter To Sens. Enzi And Alexander Endorsing S. 1832, The Marketplace Fairness Act, 11/29/11)

**FORMER FLORIDA GOVERNOR JEB BUSH:**

“It seems to me there has to be a way to tax sales done online in the same way that sales are taxed in brick and mortar establishments. My guess is that there would be hundreds of millions of dollars that then could be used to reduce taxes to fulfill campaign promises.” (Letter To Florida Governor Rick Scott, 1/2/11)

# GOVERNORS SUPPORT E-FAIRNESS

**TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM:**

“The National Governors Association applauds your efforts to level the playing field between Main Street retailers and online sellers by introducing S. 1832, the ‘Marketplace Fairness Act.’ This common sense approach will allow states to collect the taxes they are owed, help businesses comply with different state laws, and provide fair competition between retailers that will benefit consumers.” (National Governors Association letter to Senators Durbin, Enzi, Tim Johnson and Alexander endorsing S. 1832, 11/28/11)

**GEORGIA GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL:**

“Gov. Nathan Deal is considering extending the state sales tax to online purchases, he told newspaper publishers Thursday morning ... ‘In the absence of congressional activity on that ... I think there will be some appetite to act on that in the legislature,’ he said.”  
(The Augusta Chronicle, 1/12/12)

**IDAHO GOVERNOR C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER:**

“Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter backs taxing Internet sales to level the playing field between virtual businesses and brick-and-mortar establishments on Idaho’s Main Street. Otter made the remarks to Idaho chamber of commerce leaders meeting in Boise on Monday.”  
(The Associated Press, 1/30/12)

**The International Council of Shopping Centers is striving to create a fair and level playing field for all retailers whether they sell online, in a mall, or on Main Street. ICSC applauds these governors for standing up for fairness and urges all governors to support a federal solution like S. 1832 and HR 3179.**

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