"The Internet is now a robust, mature, and dynamic marketplace that does not warrant special protections. The application of sales taxes only to "brick-and-mortar" retailers, many of which are small businesses, puts those very entities at a competitive disadvantage."

"I, too - along with governors like Governor Daniels and others - urge the federal government and the Congress in particular to get behind Senator Lamar Alexander's legislation to allow states to be able to make these choices for themselves..." Governor Chris Christie (NJ), 5/31/12

Governor Terry Branstad (IA), 6/7/12

"The Supreme Court made clear that the Commerce Clause authorizes Congress to regulate interstate commerce... Absent federal legislation, the state's hands are tied. ... "

Governor Tom Corbett (PA), 4/20/12

"There's no denying that passing the bill would give thousands of small Maine businesses a real boost. Through no fault of their own, federal policy now gives some out-of-state corporations an unfair advantage over other Maine retailers...Having studied this bill, I feel that it is now time for Congress to tend to the needs of Main Street."

Governor Paul LePage (ME), 3/12/12

"As you know, I promised to oppose any tax increase on Alabama families, and my support of these bills is consistent with that promise. The bills will not create a new tax, nor will they require states to raise taxes."

Governor Robert Bentley (AL), 4/19/12

HERE'S WHAT REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT E-FAIRNESS

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 Congress to support a federal solution like H.R. 3179 and S. 1832.



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