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Dear Members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Sound Cities Association, I write today to urge your support for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA). The MFA is supported by businesses large and small within King County, and our member cities join these businesses in asking you to sign on in support of this important legislation.

The Sound Cities Association (formerly the Suburban Cities Association) was founded in the 1970s to help cities in King County act locally and partner regionally to create vital, livable communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support, and networking. Collectively, our 35 member cities represent nearly one million constituents in King County.

Our Membership and Board strongly support the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA). The MFA would be a boon to our cities, and for the small businesses within our cities. The MFA would not impose new taxes. Rather, the MFA simply requires online retailers to collect sales taxes that already exist. This puts brick and mortar retailers within our jurisdictions on equal footing with out of state online retailers. That's good for business- and good for our local economy.

We thank Reps. Suzan DelBene, Derek Kilmer, Rick Larsen and Adam Smith for signing on as sponsors of the MFA, and Reps. Denny Heck and Jim McDermott for their support. We would strongly urge the other members of our State's Congressional delegation to support the MFA as well. The MFA passed the US Senate with bipartisan support, and it has strong bipartisan support from our cities.

Thank you for your consideration. If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director Deanna Dawson at (206) 433-7170, or at Deanna@SoundCities.org.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Denis Law

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