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# S. RES. 309

Supporting the preservation of Internet entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the preservation of Internet entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Whereas the United States enjoys a strong Internet retail market, which, for the past decade, has provided consumers in the United States with the opportunity to purchase quality products and services at competitive prices;

Whereas the free Internet marketplace has enabled a large number of small retailers and entrepreneurs across the Nation to establish and strengthen businesses on various e-commerce platforms and therefore protect and create jobs, increase consumer choice, create competition in the retail industry, and provide quality goods and services at reasonable and often discounted prices;

Whereas any Federal legislation that would upset the free and fair Internet marketplace and allow State govern-

ments to impose new, onerous and burdensome sales tax-collecting schemes on out-of-State, Internet-enabled small businesses would adversely impact hundreds of thousands of jobs, reduce consumer choice, and impede the growth and development of interstate commerce; and

Whereas at a time when national unemployment numbers are high and businesses across the country are struggling to keep their doors open, the Federal Government should promote pro-growth and pro-business policies instead of enacting legislation that extracts additional taxes from our Nation's Internet-enabled businesses: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that Con-  
 2 gress should not enact any legislation that would grant  
 3 State governments the authority to impose any new bur-  
 4 densome or unfair tax collecting requirements on small  
 5 Internet businesses and entrepreneurs, which would ulti-  
 6 mately hurt the economy of, and consumers in, the United  
 7 States.

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