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Supporting the preservation of Internet entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SENBRENNER, Mr. MATHESON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WEST, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Supporting the preservation of Internet entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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

Whereas the open online marketplace has enabled a large number of small retailers and entrepreneurs across the Nation to establish and strengthen their 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 this open and fair environment and allow State governments to impose new onerous and burdensome sales tax collecting schemes on Internet-enabled small businesses that do not even reside in their State 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 Nation are struggling to keep their doors open, Federal policy should promote pro-growth and pro-business policies instead of enacting legislation that extracts additional taxes from the Nation's Internet-enabled businesses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that Congress should not enact any legislation
 3 that would grant State governments the authority to im-
 4 pose any new burdensome or unfair tax collecting require-
 5 ments on small online businesses and entrepreneurs, which
 6 would ultimately hurt the economy and consumers in the
 7 United States.

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