

## **Small Business Owners Urge Congress to Pass the Marketplace Fairness Act**

***Teresa Miller, Owner, [Treats-Unleashed](#) (Missouri & Kansas)***

"The lack of sales tax online is definitely hurting my business.

"I have customers every day saying they love shopping in our stores, but that they want us to match the prices they get online. Having to collect sales tax makes that impossible, and some walk out the door empty-handed as a result.

"Small business owners are the backbone of our economy. We create local jobs, pay local taxes, and play major roles in our communities.

"We're not asking for someone else's taxes to be raised or ours to be lowered. We're just asking for Congress to level the playing field so we can compete."

***Kim Williams, Owner, [The Polka Dot Press](#) (Florida)***

"As a small retailer in Tallahassee, Florida, I can compete for consumers at the service level. But at the pricing level we can't always compete with no sales tax.

"This unfair competition from remote sellers, who are not even located in our state and not required to collect sales tax, doesn't just hurt my business and my employees - it hurts the businesses I do business with. I'm a big believer in buying locally, and that extends to the supplier and vendors I do business with.

"My business already collects sales tax from our online customers in Florida as required by law, and we are perfectly willing to collect from out-of-state customers once the Marketplace Fairness Act is enacted.

"If a small shop like mine can collect sales tax, why can't the giants of the online world?"

***Lary Sinewitz, Executive Vice President, [BrandsMart U.S.A.](#) (Georgia & Florida)***

"The Marketplace Fairness Act would put retailers, whether online or brick and mortar, on the same competitive playing field.

"This isn't a new tax. It's about allowing states to collect the tax that is already owed.

"If passed into law, the Marketplace Fairness Act will help companies like mine compete with larger online-only national sellers and ensure that small businesses across the country continue to thrive and remain the vital component to our robust economy that we are.

"Let's protect Main Street shops and jobs and pass the Marketplace Fairness Act now."