



**CHICAGOLAND**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 12, 2012

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
United State Senate  
711 Hart Senate Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce strongly supports your efforts to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act. This initiative has the potential to level the playing field for brick and mortar retailers with online retailers by establishing a system to collect tax on the purchase of goods and services from both brick and mortar retailers and online retailers.

Brick and mortar retailers are at a competitive disadvantage in pricing their goods and services when taking into account the addition of state and local taxes into the final cost of an in store purchase. Online retailers are an important part of our economy providing access to goods and services that consumers may not otherwise have the ability to purchase. But it is important that they play by the same rules as traditional brick and mortar retailers that invest in physical locations and contribute to local economies.

Again, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce strongly supports your efforts to pass legislation that will create a fair and balanced marketplace for all retailers and ensure the simplified collection of taxes on goods and services.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Roper  
President & CEO