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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT
PHILADELPHIA MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER
APPLAUDS SENATE PASSAGE OF MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter issued the following statement today after the Marketplace Fairness Act was approved in the U.S. Senate:

“Today’s passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act is a win for local governments and for businesses everywhere. It is the first critical step towards final passage, and our hope now is that the House will also approve it, so President Obama can sign it into law. This legislation will finally level the playing field by requiring all merchants, whether they sell over the counter on Main Street or over the Internet, to collect the same taxes.

“With federal funds to local governments dwindling and few other sources available to municipal leaders for raising revenue, this measure will provide a badly needed funding stream so we can better serve our residents -- from fixing crumbling roads and bridges to funding schools and first responders to maintaining and upgrading water systems.

“And during these tough economic times, the Marketplace Fairness Act will give a fundamental boost to metropolitan economies by helping to stimulate growth and create jobs. This is a victory for basic common sense and bipartisanship.”

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