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Dear Mr Read:

As an independent bookseller/book store owner in Poulsbo, Washington. I urge you to support sales tax fairness. Retailers like mine have long faced an unfair competitive disadvantage due to remote, online retailers that have failed in their obligation under current law to collect and remit sales tax for purchases made to residents in Washington.

I urge you to publicly support two federal bills that would give states the right to require these remote retailers to collect and remit sales tax in the state. These bills are the Marketplace Fairness Act (S. 1832), in the U.S. Senate, and the Marketplace Equity Act (H.R. 3179), in the U.S. House of Representatives, and both bills have bipartisan support, as well as the backing of a wide and diverse array of retailers.

Something must be done soon. I mention daily with every sale, our ebooks are competitive in price, please buy from us. As e-commerce grows, the situation will only get worse.

When I opened my store, the state expected me to collect and remit sales tax – and I do. I think we should expect the same of any online retailer that has a physical presence in the state, via a store, office, warehouse, or online affiliates that act as sales agents. Clearly, the surest way to level the playing field for Main Street retailer like mine is to support the proposed federal legislation. These bills would leave no room for a judge or lawmaker to misinterpret sales tax law.

I do hope you will stand up for ALL of us Independent Book Stores, your Main Street retailers by supporting sales tax fairness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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