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American Booksellers Association
Avin M. Domnitz
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Dear Mr. Domnitz and Fellow Retailers:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Daniels detailing your Associations' position on the equitable enforcement of the collection of sales tax. As you may know, due to a past court ruling legal road blocks exist on the application of sales tax on internet sales. Most states have become active in a national project referred to as the Streamlined Sales Tax Project in an attempt to overcome this roadblock. Indiana has been an active participant in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project since its inception in 2000. We are one of the original states that make up the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board. Currently, Indiana is a very active leader on the Board, and is one of the twenty full-member states that have streamlined sales tax mandates in place.

At the national level, on December 6, 2007, a hearing was held by the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the Committee on the Judiciary on HR 3396-The Sales Tax Fairness and Simplification Act. Joan Wagon, President of the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board testified in favor of HR 3396. Indiana does fully support its passage, which would give states the ability to require remote sellers to collect and remit sales tax for sales made and goods delivered into member states. This would provide for equitable collection of sales tax by all retailers.

Thank you again for your willingness to share your suggestions and ideas for change with Governor Daniels.

Sincerely,

Cathy Henninger
Governor Liaison
Taxpayer Advocate
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