

RESOLUTION

2018 – 01

SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF MUNICIPALITIES TO COLLECT ONLINE SALES TAX

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) is the Regional Council of Governments serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States' current rulings have restricted states and municipalities from collecting sales tax on internet sales at the point of purchase rather than the point of sale; and

WHEREAS, with the increasing amount of internet based retail, the inability to collect tax-revenue by the states can have a potentially disastrous impact as consumers purchase less from brick-and-mortar retailers; and

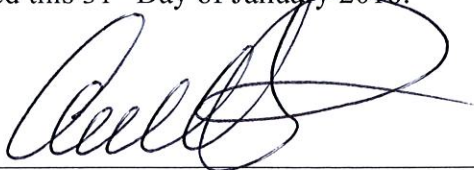
WHEREAS, brick-and-mortar retailers are likewise disadvantaged by the current holdings of the Supreme court as on-line retailers who are not physically located in the state do not collect or pay state sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota passed a law requiring out-of-state sellers to collect and turn over sales tax to their states, and this law was struck down by South Dakota's highest court, and the Supreme Court has accepted the appeal; and

WHEREAS, the states' and municipalities' ability to effectively collect sales tax from internet retailers is important to the health and vitality of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors hereby passes this resolution in support of South Dakota's Petition to the Supreme Court of the United States to modify previous holdings restricting states from collecting sales tax from internet retailers.

Adopted this 31st Day of January 2018.



Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, President