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BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Announces Support of Marketplace Equity Act of 2011

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced his support of the Marketplace Equity Act of 2011 (MEA).

This federal legislation, introduced by Representatives Speier (D-CA) and Womack (R-AR), helps level the playing field between out-of-state online retailers and in-state brick-and-mortar stores by providing a framework for states to require that out-of-state sellers collect and report the taxes due on their retail sales.

“This legislation provides a way to make sure out-of-state businesses can no longer benefit from a loophole in federal law that allows remote sellers to avoid tax collection obligations,” Horton said.

Unlike previous federal proposals, the MEA would allow California to maintain oversight and control over its tax laws and policy. In addition to promoting e-fairness, by increasing tax compliance, the MEA will also support the funding of important state services.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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