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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2012-006
DATE June 1, 2012

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE E-FAIRNESS TAX FORCE

WHEREAS, it is a priority of my Administration to ensure full, fair, and equitable enforcement of the tax laws;

WHEREAS, ensuring the full collection of sales taxes owed will allow for further reduction in Maine's income tax rates;

WHEREAS, Maine businesses and those selling remotely into Maine should have equal treatment before Maine's tax collection laws; and

WHEREAS, reviewing the experience of other states in the collection of online sales taxes will fully inform the decision making on these issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The e-Fairness Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby established.
2. The membership of the Task Force shall consist of seven (7) persons appointed by the Governor, including representatives of the following:
 - a. Department of Administrative and Financial Services;
 - b. Office of the Governor;
 - c. Maine Revenue Services;
 - d. Maine State Chamber of Commerce;
 - e. Maine Merchants Association;
 - f. National Federation of Independent Business; and
 - g. College of Business, Public Policy, and Health at the University of Maine.

The Governor shall appoint one member of the Task Force to serve as Chair, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall serve without compensation.

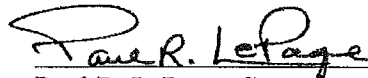
3. The Task Force shall:

- a. Review the experience of other states that collect sales taxes based upon an affiliate nexus;
- b. Solicit comments from Maine businesses regarding taxation via affiliate nexus; and
- c. Explore potential avenues for the collection of sales taxes at the point-of-sale for various sales channels.

The Task Force shall undertake such other duties and responsibilities from time to time as may be required.

4. The Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor detailing their findings, along with any draft Legislation, on or before January 15, 2013, at which time the Task Force shall dissolve.

The effective date of this Executive Order is June 1, 2012.


Paul R. LePage, Governor