



NEVADA NEWS

HELP WANTED!

By Bryan Wachter

BEGINNING MARCH 5TH, AND RUNNING THROUGH MARCH

16th, Nevadans have the opportunity to file to run for political office. The formal qualifications to run for office in Nevada, for non-judicial races, are fairly straight forward: 1) you must be 21 years old; 2) you must have resided in the State for twelve months; and 3) you must have lived in the district you're seeking to run from since February 14th, 2018. The informal qualifications are much harder to quantify.

While some lament the limitations of a citizen legislature, there is no denying that the collective perspective of lawmakers from many different backgrounds often yields the best policy results, and many times legislators who, themselves, have a wide experience to draw from find themselves leading those discussions.

Small business owners have that range and depth of experience. More often than not, small business owners wear multiple hats, from managing the books,

taking inventory, interacting with customers, the public, government, sometimes the press, staying current on new technologies, markets, products and trends– all while running the HR department, striving to take the best care of their employees while recruiting the best talent. It's a job that requires looking at problems and situations from multiple views and mirrors what makes a good legislator.

Serving in the State legislature is not without its sacrifices. Since Nevada's legislature only meets for 120 days beginning in February of off-years (odd-numbered, non-election years), legislators do need to relocate, temporarily, to Carson City. And because Nevada is a part-time legislature, a very minimum salary is paid for the first 60 days of session, after which only the per-diem allowances are paid.

As a legislator, you would have the unique ability to affect meaningful change, protect employees while encouraging growth in business, and engage in problem solving debate

over the future of Nevada. It's a weighty decision but the Retail Association of Nevada would encourage our members to ask themselves if they are prepared and willing to serve in the Nevada Legislature.

If you think the answer may be yes, please email me at bryan@rannv.org or give me a call at 775-771-8969. We'll talk you through the process and help you determine if running for office is something you'd like to explore. There is no reason small business can't also be the backbone of the legislature. ■

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TAX REFORM AND YOU

By Mary Lau, President/CEO RAN

FEBRUARY TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY INTERESTING MONTH FOR OUR

Nevada citizens and our Congressional delegation.

With the passage of tax reform, many employees in Nevada saw increases in their paychecks at the end of January and through February 15th, the required deadline for instituting the tax changes.

It was also interesting to note the various multi-state and multi-national companies that pledged bonuses to their employees amongst other benefits such as stock values and repatriation of monies invested overseas. One example of that would be the Blockchain investment in TRI property located in Northern Nevada. (See story on page 3).

While the tax reform package benefited many, the Nation also saw our Congress return to bi-partisanship in passing HR 1892. This bill acts as a continuing resolution with level funding until March 23rd but is also a top-line budget agreement to be appropriated following March 24th. Many citizens bemoan the partisan bickering and perceive it as a lack of leadership. This passage with a vote of 240 ayes (including 73 Democrats) to 186 nays in the House of Representatives, and a Senate vote of 71 yeas (including 36 Democrats) to 28 nays (with Senator McCain

not voting) is a major win for all concerned.

As Senate Leaders McConnell and Schumer said during interviews, the bill does so much more than just increase defense spending but represents agreements made by all parties. There is never a deal until it is The Deal. At one time in politics when you had a deal, it stuck, now negotiations continue right up to the time the voting buttons are pushed.

Following is a summary of the highlights of HR 1982:

● **Increases budget caps by \$296 billion (2018 and 2019)**

- \$80 billion FY 18 and \$85 billion FY 19 for defense
- \$63 billion FY 18 and \$68 billion for non-defense discretionary

● **Suspends debt ceiling until March 2019**

● **Non-defense discretionary provisions:**

- \$89 billion additional disaster relief for hurricane specific communities
- \$4.9 billion in Puerto Rico Medicaid
- One-year extension for following tax provisions not dealt with on tax reform (\$10 billion):
 - ◆ Tax credits for wind, solar, fuel cells, and geothermal. Deductions for mortgage debt forgiveness and mortgage insurance premiums. Excise tax payments to Puerto Rico

ad US Virgin Islands for rum production. Credits for railroad maintenance, Native American employment. Fee on crude oil used to fund Coast Guard response to oil spills. Additional tuition deduction for broader higher education expense. Narrow racehorse provision, which allows owners to accelerate depreciation on their equine assets.

- Permanent tax treatment changes:
 - ◆ Fixes the endowment problem for Kentucky- based private schools caused by tax reform

◆ Changes the wording of the tax law to exempt schools, which offer free tuition to their students using the endowment.

- Health Care
 - ◆ \$6 billion opioid crises (\$5B increase)
 - ◆ \$2 billion National Institute of Health
 - ◆ 10-year CHIP reauthorization (mandatory)
 - ◆ \$3.8 billion FY 18 and \$4 billion FY 19 for Community Health Centers (\$800 million increase over FY 17)
 - ◆ Repeal of Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)
 - ◆ Two-year extension of Special Diabetes Program
 - \$20 Billion for Infrastructure
 - \$4 billion to clear VA maintenance backlog
 - \$4 billion for college increased funding for affordability programs



Mary F. Lau
RAN's President/CEO

- \$5.8 billion for child-care block grants

No matter how one feels about each category of spending or the spending proposals, it is easy to see why the majority of our Congressional Delegation voted for this bill knowing that Nevadans will benefit, as will most of the Nation. In comparing the previous stimulus packages passed in prior legislative years, the interesting part is that unlike the former "shovel ready projects" there are some major offsets and economic benefits in this bill.

● **Offsets:**

- \$100 billion offset by selling of petroleum reserve (again), borrowing from mandatory spending for discretionary (CHIMPS) or converting discretionary spending into mandatory so it does not count.

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RETAIL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS NEVADA'S FIRST BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE

By Tyson K. Falk, Policy Analyst, McDonald Carano

OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES, HUMANITY

has experienced three distinct technological revolutions that have changed the way we conduct business and engage with each other: The personal computer in the 1980s, the internet in the 90's, and the smart phone and mobile applications in the 2000's.

While there are many new technologies on the verge of becoming mainstream and therefore disruptive (artificial intelligence, virtual

and augmented reality, internet of things), the one with perhaps the most potential of all is one that most haven't heard of: blockchain, the technology that underpins cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin. What gets lost when discussing blockchain in context of volatile digital currencies is its enormous potential to fundamentally change how we exchange value across the economy including the retail sector.

IMPACTS ON THE RETAIL INDUSTRY

Ok, but what exactly is

blockchain? At its simplest, blockchain is a new form of data structure that is stored on not just one or a few locations – but across an entire network. It is a

growing list of records secured by cryptography, and by its nature, is resistant to manipulation by involved parties or

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● Economic Benefit highlights:

■ Infrastructure - \$20B approved with White House formulary plan where every \$1 of federal money spent would be leveraged at a ratio of \$6.50. Benefit \$130 billion

■ Community Health Center Funding: Total economic benefit to the economy under this bill (7.8 billion for two years) \$39 billion total.

■ Department of Defense: Defense actually contributes to economies in a ratio of 1:1.5 GDP (Columbia University modeling) so

an increase of \$160 billion (.8% GDP) in spending would result in \$222 billion economic benefit.

■ And last but not least: A Nevada specific issue that is included but not able to be modeled, is the BLM would use increased funding to combat the wild horse problem with better long-term solutions and to address the burden of the Sage Grouse which would have a direct positive impact on development and other industries.

● So, what's next?

■ In my opinion,

leadership in both houses has promised to take up comprehensive immigration reform and then move on to the parts of the budget that are known as entitlements. Both of these issues are a real "heavy lift" and will require everyone at the table.

In 1986 Americans were promised that immigration would be handled properly and we'd never face the same concerns again.

Well it really didn't take too many years before we are addressing it again. Same thing could be said for entitlements, well

intentioned and usually the result of a social problem that government tries to fix on a once-and-for-all basis.

It is time to reassess the usefulness, the needs and see if there are better ways to truly provide a safety net for those honestly in need. ■

Mary Lau

(Authors note: I would like to thank Representative Mark Amodei and his staff for providing a comprehensive yet understandable explanation regarding HR 1892. ML)



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outside actors. Balancing a cryptocurrency ledger becomes essentially a math problem that is constantly trying to be solved by networks of computers (a process known as "mining").

Each time the ledger is solved (about every ten minutes for

Bitcoin), a block is created that illustrates where every fraction of each bitcoin is at that point in time.

That time-stamped block becomes part of the chain to which all future ledgers are based off – creating an immutable record of transactions over time held by all parties on the network.

In the case of Bitcoin, this ledger is accessible to the public – whereas other blockchain ledgers are only viewable to those who have explicit permission to be a part of the network (i.e. all electric utilities that are part of a connected energy grid, or hospitals and clinics that are part of a health care record network).

Blockchain technology is particularly suited to significantly impact the retail industry. Blockchain has the potential to reinvent and, in some cases, eliminate many of today's common business functions throughout organizations while simultaneous bringing

greater trust and security to how they interact and transact across the extended value chain. Blockchain's applicability to businesses in general is incredibly broad, from reinventing

"Blockchain technology is particularly suited to significantly impact the retail industry."

supply chain management, audit and compliance, and customer interaction. Blockchain could improve supply chain visibility, enhancing product control, as well as allowing more accurate sales and cost projections.

Eliminating the need for redundant management systems and databases across organizations and business partners would increase operational efficiency and reduce costs.

Transaction settlement would also become faster and cheaper in many applications.

Blockchain's strong built-in encryption could also improve data security and mitigate corruption. Taken altogether, blockchain and its potential to increase supply chain efficiency may prove vital for retailers in the ongoing competition with online stores.

BLOCKCHAIN IN NEVADA

The Silver State made

a big splash in blockchain news with the passage of SB398 during the 2017 Legislature. In response to this new law that prohibits taxation from local governments on blockchain transactions

as well as including the technology within our electronic records laws, there has been significant local investment from blockchain companies around the world interested in taking advantage of it.

While Nevada is now on a path to become a blockchain haven and innovation hub for decades to come, it is imperative that policymakers, economic development officials, bureaucratic agency heads and the community remain proactive in keeping Nevada ahead of the curve.

To wit, since the passage of SB398 last summer, over a half-dozen state legislatures have introduced legislation seeking to catch up to Nevada. In response, over 200 of Nevada's who's who in business and political circles gathered at the Nevada Museum of Art on February 6 to discuss blockchain with a world-class group of blockchain

speakers that traveled across the country to share their expertise. The event was sponsored in part by the Retail Association of Nevada.

During the breakout session of the conference, those in attendance discussed what the next steps

should be in blockchain policy development including the proposal of a myriad of future policy measures to be considered during the 2019 session to reinforce Nevada's early leader status. Also discussed were possible pilot projects between industry and local governments that would help pave a path forward for the transition of Nevada public services onto the blockchain.

To learn more about blockchain efforts in Nevada and a recap of the conference including presentations given at the conference, please visit www.buildnewnv.com. ■



Tyson K. Falk

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BALLOT QUESTIONS

By Mary Lau, President/CEO RAN

AS OF THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, NEVADA'S

Secretary of State Barbara Cegavsky posted the following ballot initiatives, which will appear on the 2018 General Election ballot. She also sent out a press release for asking for volunteers to help write the pro and con arguments of the Ballot Question 5 initiative. As of this printing, we don't know who volunteered to write these arguments.

● **QUESTION 1 – MARSY'S LAW (SJR 17, 2017)** – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to include certain rights for victims of crime (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

● **QUESTION 2 – SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS (SB 415, 2017)**

– Proposes to amend NRS to exempt certain feminine hygiene products from being taxed under the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955 (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

● **QUESTION 3 – THE ENERGY CHOICE INITIATIVE (Q3, 2016)**

– Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require an open, competitive retail electric energy market (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot);

● **QUESTION 4 – MEDICAL PATIENT TAX RELIEF ACT (Q4, 2016)**

– Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to

exempt certain durable medical equipment and mobility enhancing devices from any tax upon the sale, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot); and

● **QUESTION 5 – THE AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION INITIATIVE (IP1, 2017)**

– Proposes to amend NRS to provide for the automatic voter registration of citizens qualified to vote when they obtain certain services from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (requires the appointment of ballot question committees).

RAN does know that there is another initiative being circulated at this time,

which is an initiative petition to require a multi-year step-up to reach a 50% renewable energy portfolio requirement for Nevada's energy company.

This initiative is being funded by out of state money from Tom Steyer of San Francisco, CA. who is in the energy business.

He's also funding opposition to Nevada's Attorney General Adam Laxalt who is running for Governor on the 2018 ballot. (Guess the old adage "all politics are local" doesn't hold water anymore.)

RAN will continue to keep its members informed on all federal, state and local races as well as ballot initiatives and referendums that affect our state. ■

NEVADA TAKING POSITIVE ACTION REGARDING SNAP BENEFITS

By Liz MacMenamin

NEVADA IS ONE OF SEVEN STATES THAT STILL ISSUES

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on only one day each month. This process puts an overwhelming burden on all involved: the recipient, the grocer and employees, and others that choose to shop on those days.

Some grocers see an

increase of product sales as high as 140% of normal volume and customer count increase as high as 40%. This makes keeping products stocked and on the shelves during this high volume very difficult.

In a recent meeting with Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator Steve Fisher to discuss the challenges involved, he said that the state

is working on this issue and understands the problems that this "one day distribution" has created for all involved.

The good news is that the department is changing vendors and is currently in negotiations with the new vendor on providing software to implement 'rolling distribution' of SNAP benefits.

The current vendor contract ends on June 30th

and the new vendor will start the transition to a new program on July 1st, 2018.

While RAN members may not see the changes implemented on that date, they will occur at some point before the year is out and will move Nevada forward technologically.

Updates will be provided to members as they occur. ■



Nevada Notes

VOLUNTEER REAPS BENEFITS FOR NV STATE MUSEUM

Kathy Pierson, manager of a Carson City CVS, presented a \$1,500 donation to the Friends of the Nevada State Museum. The donation is in recognition by CVS of Pierson's significant volunteer hours committed to the Friends group.

Each year, CVS employees volunteer thousands of hours to nonprofit organizations in their communities. Joanne Dwyer, director of the CVS Health Foundation, said the CVS Health Foundation awards grants which supports these efforts and provides additional financial support to the causes supported by CVS employees.

Grants, which range from \$500 to \$5,000, are awarded directly to the organization on the CVS employee's behalf.

Kathy Pierson, manager of the CVS on Highway 50, invested more than 130 volunteer hours with the Friends of the Nevada State Museum from January to October of this past year.

Her efforts resulted in the organization being awarded a \$1,500 grant from the CVS Health Foundation.

Nevada Appeal

8 WAYS TO DE-STRESS DURING WORK

You can't be in control of all variables at work, but here are eight ways you can help combat stress during the workday.

1. Take a walk.
2. Keep your desk clean.
3. Make a playlist: A UNR Counseling Services report suggests upbeat music can be energizing, while mellow music can be calming.
4. Remind yourself why and remind yourself of your goals.
5. Buy a plant.
6. Breathe deep and stretch
7. Drink plenty of water and stock up on healthy snacks
8. Track your stressors by writing down what stresses you.

Las Vegas Weekly

SEARS TO SHRINK AS SPACE WILL HOST ARCADE, EATERY

A planning application submitted to the city of Reno shows the Sears store at Meadowood Mall being split into three separate tenants from its current one.

A commercial real estate sales flyer shows the Sears shrinking to accommodate a new entertainment venue, called Round1.

A portion of the

Sears Auto Center in the Meadowood Mall parking lot is also listed in the sales flyer as seeking a tenant, preferably a 17,800 square-foot restaurant tenant.

The Sears is currently opened and operating. It has a "Now Hiring" sign on the front door and regular sales with no signs of going out of business.

RGJ

NEVADA TAXABLE SALES UP 5.2 PERCENT IN OCTOBER

Taxable sales in Nevada, one indicator of the economy, rose by 5.2 percent in October, with strong sales of durable goods and cars.

The Nevada Department of Taxation reported that sales reached \$4.6 billion, and the state received \$93.4 million in sales and use taxes.

State collections for the fiscal year through October were down \$6.4 million from the forecast made by the Economic Forum.

Thirteen of Nevada's 17 counties reported sales increases compared to October 2016. Clark County posted \$3.3 billion in sales, up 2.5 percent. Storey County, home to a Tesla battery plant that is under construction, enjoyed a 127.2 percent increase in taxable sales. Lincoln County had the largest decline,

20.1 percent.

LV Sun

TAXABLE SALES FUELED BY DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH IN BUILDING MATERIALS SALES AND A 7 PERCENT INCREASE FROM GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES

Carson City reported \$92.8 million in taxable sales during November. That's a 5.4 percent more than the same month of 2016.

Churchill County reported a 15.5 percent increase to \$29.8 million in November. That increase came despite a 22 percent decrease in auto sales there to just \$3.4 million and a 24 percent decline in the Utilities category to \$795,791.

Douglas County had a 10.6 percent increase to \$59.33 million. Much of that increase came from the 9.8 percent growth in Douglas's largest taxable sales generator, Food Services and Drinking Places — the south shore casinos at Lake Tahoe.

Washoe County saw 7.7 percent growth in November to \$676.8 million. Auto Sales grew by 17.1 percent to \$95.44 million and Building Materials Sales by 22 percent to \$42.5 million.

Food Services and

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National Notes

WALMART UNVEILS NEW APPAREL BRANDS

Walmart Inc. is introducing low-cost clothing brands for women, kids and plus-size customers, aiming to lure shoppers.

The moves are part of Walmart's push to make its apparel business more streamlined and stylish -- a response to consumers shifting more of their budgets to experiences such as travel and eating out, rather than clothing.

Walmart's new items, such as leggings for \$9.96, could also offset the pinch of rising clothing prices, which jumped the most since 1990 last month.

If the brands catch on, they could check the encroachment on-line sellers.

Bloomberg

JANUARY RETAIL SALES CONTINUE STRONG

An improving economy kept January retail sales nearly as good as the holiday season's strong showing -- dropping only 0.26 percent seasonally adjusted from December -- and fueled a healthy 5.4 percent increase year-over year, the National Retail Federation said today. The numbers exclude automobiles, gasoline stations and restaurants.

The January numbers

follow 5.1 percent unadjusted year-over-year growth in holiday sales during November and December, which was revised down slightly from the 5.5 percent initially reported. December was down 0.1 percent from November seasonally adjusted but up 3.8 percent year-over-year. The three-month year-over-year moving average is at 5.2 percent.

The results comes as NRF is forecasting that 2018 retail sales will grow between 3.8 percent and 4.4 percent over 2017.

NRF's numbers are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, which reported that overall January sales -- including automobiles, gasoline and restaurants -- were down 0.3 percent seasonally adjusted from December but up 5 percent year-over-year.

Retail is the nation's largest private-sector employer, supporting one in four U.S. jobs -- 42 million working Americans. Contributing \$2.6 trillion to annual GDP, retail is a daily barometer for the nation's economy. *NRF*

HOME DEPOT, LOWE'S EMBARK ON SPRING HIRING SPREES

Home improvement retailers are hanging out the "Help Wanted" signs.

Home Depot announced plans to hire more than 80,000 seasonal workers this spring, in line with last year, to meet peak demand.

Rival Lowe's revealed its hiring plans last month, but hosted its first national hiring day on Feb. 21. The North Carolina-based home improvement chain is planning to hire more than 53,000 temporary workers for the busy spring season, hoping to fill 8,000 more roles this year than it did in 2017.

The labor market is tightening and motivated candidates are harder to find.

Retail CEOs are cognizant of the issue and in turn are sweetening benefits, such as by adding better paid parental leave and raising wages. New U.S. tax legislation, which is expected to put money back into many companies' pockets, has also prompted some retailers including Home Depot and Lowe's to disburse one-time bonuses.

Home Depot is hoping a new tool that allows job applicants to self-schedule in-person interviews will lure more people.

USA TODAY

PHARMACISTS CAN ASSIST IN MANAGING HEART HEALTH

Cardiovascular disease

causes one in every four deaths in America, but pharmacists can help patients manage their risk factors, according to CVS Health.

Pharmacists can help patients by creating medication adherence plans, answering questions regarding heart conditions and tracking progress.

Additionally, pharmacists are among the most accessible healthcare providers.

CVS Health

IF YOU SHOP ONLINE, YOU PROBABLY EVADE THIS TAX

The use tax applies to purchases made outside a shopper's state of residence, but most states agree it is virtually impossible to enforce.

The issue of taxes paid on online purchases is set to come before the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you shop online, there's a good chance you have evaded taxes that perhaps you didn't even know were due. Thanks to a U.S. Supreme Court decision that predates the boom in e-commerce, retailers with no physical presence in a state aren't required to collect its sales tax.

Last month, the court agreed to hear South Dakota's argument to

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Got drugs?

Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal

In conjunction with the DEA's National Take Back Day



Prescription Drug Round Up Saturday, April 28

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Drop Off Locations

Reno: Raley's - 18144 Wedge Parkway
SaveMart - 10500 N. McCarran Blvd.
Scolari's - 4788 Caughlin Parkway
Smith's - 175 Lemmon Drive
UNR Lawlor Events Center - 15th St. and Virginia St.

Sparks: CVS - 680 N. McCarran Blvd.
Walgreens - 3000 Vista Blvd.

Acceptable Items:

- unneeded prescription drugs (in original containers with patient name marked out)
- prescription liquids
- pet medications

OTHER OPTIONS FOR DISPOSAL

- Dispose in permanent drop boxes located in the lobbies of the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and UNR Police Services.
- Crush prescription drugs in a seal-tight plastic bag. Add kitty litter or wet coffee grounds. Seal the bag and dispose in the trash.

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*Please contact Piper Brown if you have any questions, **775-882-1700**.*



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Drinking Places increased by 5.1 percent to \$90.4 million.

In Lyon County, building Materials Sales rose 28.5 percent to \$4.1 million and auto sales by 38.5 percent to \$5.7 million.

Nevada Appeal

SALES OF OUTDOOR GEAR HURT BY CONSUMER SHIFT

One factor in the decline is changing consumer preferences, driven by millennials.

Millennials — sometimes defined as people born between 1982 and 2004 — are less likely than the previous

generation to demand outdoor gear that stands up to extreme conditions. Millennials want outdoor products that are less specialized and have more uses.

Millennials are outdoorsy and support environmental preservation and sustainability, but they have a different take

on health and fitness than their predecessors. They have a more lighthearted approach that involves their friends.

Some individual retailers and manufacturers have adapted, such as Adidas Outdoors, which is focusing on the 20-something demographic and younger. *RGJ*

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overturn that rule. But, for now, another tax is due, and consumers are supposed to pay it.

It's called a use tax, and it's applied to purchases made outside a shopper's state of residence on taxable merchandise that will be used, stored or consumed in the state of residence and on which no tax was collected at the

point of sale.

Use taxes, applied at the same rate as sales tax, are due on both business-to-business transactions, which account for roughly 85% of e-commerce sales, and business-to-consumer sales, which account for the remaining 15%.

In 2012, an estimated \$11.4 billion in e-commerce use

taxes went uncollected, according to William F. Fox, director of the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

In 2015, the estimate increased to \$17.4 billion.

In 2015, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy invited states to craft legal challenges that would allow the high court

to re-examine the Quill decision. South Dakota was the first to oblige.

States worry about revenue lost to unpaid use taxes because it means they have less to spend on services and infrastructure and, they argue, waiving the tax for remote sellers gives them an unfair advantage over bricks-and-mortar stores. *WSJ*



Important Information for SIG Members

*NRS requires all existing members of a self-insured group to be notified of all new members.
NRNSIG new members are listed below.*

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Covert Tax Services Inc

Karans LLC dba Happy Dayze Cigar & Smoke

Kirans LLC dba Happy Dayze Vape & Cigar

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NEVADA DAIRY EXPORT NUMBERS

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NRF STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

WASHINGTON: NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION

(NRF) President and CEO Matthew Shay today issued the following statement on President Trump's infrastructure plan:

"We appreciate the President's attention to the urgent need to rebuild America's outdated infrastructure, which has long been a priority for NRF and our members. For decades, we've seen

• a lack of investment
 • in infrastructure, and
 • American companies,
 • workers and consumers
 • have paid the price.
 • From congested ports
 • to deteriorating railways,
 • roads and bridges, there
 • is no shortage of pressing
 • issues that must be
 • addressed.
 • "As major shippers,
 • retailers face challenges
 • every day as they work
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 • than 45 countries. Retail
 • is the nation's largest
 • private-sector employer,
 • supporting one in four
 • U.S. jobs – 42 million
 • working Americans.
 • Contributing \$2.6
 • trillion to annual GDP, retail
 • is a daily barometer for the
 • nation's economy. ■