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City of Maryville
415 N. Market
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Dear City Council and Citizens of Maryville,

On behalf of the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the local use tax on the November 6th ballot. If approved, Maryville would enact a 2.375% local use tax on purchases from online out-of-state vendors.

Currently, the City of Maryville cannot collect sales tax from out-of-state retailers, such as mail order and through e-commerce. This places local businesses at a disadvantage and shifts the local tax burden onto retailers only based in town. A local use tax levels the playing field by making the tax rate the same regardless of whether you're making a purchase in a local business or on the internet to an out-of-state vendor. A local use tax is not an additional tax, but merely an attempt to mirror the 2.375% city sales tax rate on out-of-state purchases only.

The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that the passage of this ballot issue will assist local businesses compete with online stores while providing additional funds to many basic services for Maryville citizens. Thank you for your consideration and we would appreciate your support by saying "yes" to the local use tax on November 6th.

Sincerely,

Lily E. White
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