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Bill Anderson, Executive Director of the Nevada Department of Taxation, this afternoon made the following statement concerning today's U.S. Supreme Court decision in the South Dakota v. Wayfair case, freeing states to tax online commerce:

Today's decision has the potential to have considerable impacts on taxable sales activity in Nevada. We have been collecting sales tax from online activity from those sellers with a physical presence in Nevada. This morning's ruling allows all states to tax the sales of these entities, going forward, regardless of whether they have a physical presence in the state, or not. We are actively assessing the potential impacts on taxable sales activity in Nevada, as well as any policy changes that might be necessary for implementation. Our initial <u>estimates</u> are based upon trends that have been recorded nationwide, where 10% of retail activity is attributed to online sales, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This preliminary assessment suggests that reported taxable sales attributable to online activity will at least double from the approximately \$1.2 billion per year that is currently reported by online sellers. All told, we would expect \$2.6 billion in taxable sales annually from online retailers, once the impacts of today's decision are fully realized, an increase approaching \$1.4 billion above current levels reported by similar entities.

In terms of the direct impact on General Fund revenue in the Silver State, this increase in taxable sales has the potential to increase the State's 2% sales tax collections by nearly \$30 million annually above what they would otherwise be.

Going forward, we will continue monitoring developments and assessing Nevada's progress in implementing the necessary changes in order for our State to successfully navigate the changes resulting from today's decision.