



**NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION
JANUARY 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, retail sales constitute more than two thirds of the U.S. economy and are a major driver of jobs and economic growth;

WHEREAS, Congress and the Administration have identified comprehensive tax reform, including business tax reform, as a priority issue for the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, certainty in tax policy fosters the innovation and growth that a vibrant economy provides;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the National Retail Federation strongly encourages the enactment of comprehensive income tax reform in 2013 that includes the following principles:

1. Tax reform should eliminate tax credits and incentives that favor some industries over others and should replace these “tax expenditures” with substantially lower tax rates, freeing businesses to make the most economically-prudent investment decisions rather than having the tax code drive decision-making.
2. Tax reform should be neutral among different types of businesses, so that businesses are not favored based on their form of legal entity (e.g. C corporation vs. pass-through), how they own their property (e.g. leased stores vs. owned stores), or distribution channel (e.g. brick and mortar sale vs. remote sale).
3. Tax reform should be limited to income tax reform, and should not include a consumption tax.
4. Tax reform should eliminate temporary tax provisions and provide certainty.
5. Tax reform should provide adequate transition rules, so that businesses do not face large tax burdens based on investment decision made in years prior to the enactment of tax reform

Dated this 13th day of January 2013