



Video from Internet Tax Policy Event

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On Monday it was my great pleasure to participate in a Cato Institute briefing on Capitol Hill about "[Internet Taxation: Should States Be Allowed to Tax outside Their Borders?](#)" Also speaking was my old friend Dan Mitchell, a senior fellow with Cato. From the event description: "State officials have spent the last 15 years attempting to devise a regime so they can force out-of-state vendors to collect sales taxes, but the Supreme Court has ruled that such a cartel is not permissible without congressional approval. Congress is currently considering the Main Street Fairness Act, a bill that would authorize a multistate tax compact and force many Internet retailers to collect sales taxes for the first time. Is this sensible? Are there alternative ways to address tax "fairness" concerns in this context?"

Watch the video for our answers. Also, here's [the big Cato paper](#) that Veronique de Rugy and I penned for Cato on this back in 2003 and here's [a shorter recent piece](#) we did for Mercatus.

