

Policy Resolution 01-05

Resolution in Support of and Appreciation of the Uniformity and Interstate Cooperation Projects of the Federation of Tax Administrators

WHEREAS, the Federation of Tax Administrators is an association comprised of the principal state revenue agencies in the fifty states, the District of Columbia and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the stated mission of the FTA is to improve the quality of state tax administration by providing services to state tax authorities and administrators, including research and information exchange, training and intergovernmental and interstate coordination; and

WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes of the Multistate Tax Commission is to promote uniformity in state tax policy and administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission commends the Federation of Tax Administrators for its important work in assisting states to improve the efficiency of administering state taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the FTA, state revenue agencies and the software industry to develop standards for 2-D barcoding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the FTA, state revenue agencies, the Internal Revenue Service and the software industry to develop standards for implementing eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for state tax administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the FTA and the Internal Revenue Service in developing methods for the joint electronic filing of federal and state return data of various types, including data from forms 1120 and 1065; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission endorses the work of the FTA-IRS Tactical Advisory Group in developing a Federal-State e-file Model for use in the Internal Revenue Service's Modernized e-File development efforts, including employment tax, corporate tax, individual income tax, and others, and moreover, encourages the Internal Revenue Service to deploy this model across all major business and individual tax e-file programs as they are developed for the Modernized e-file platform; and

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the Motor Fuel Tax Uniformity Committee of the FTA Motor Fuels Tax Section in developing uniform guidelines, definitions and schedules for reporting motor fuel tax information; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the Internal Revenue Service and FTA in enhancing motor fuel tax administration through the use of electronic submissions of motor fuel tax information and the elimination of duplicative paper filings at the state and federal level; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the work of the FTA in the development of the Suspicious Filer Exchange of Information Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission supports the initiative of the FTA in developing a searchable Compendium of Exemplary Practices that spotlights successful programs implemented in the states to improve state tax administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission expresses its continued support for the FTA's programs designed to foster uniformity in state tax administration and encourages state participation in those efforts.

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2006 by the Multistate Tax Commission.

Joe Huddleston
Executive Director

This resolution, as amended, shall expire at the end of the Annual Business Meeting of the Multistate Tax Commission in 2011.