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Dear Mr. Huddleston:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Multistate Tax Commission's Executive Committee meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on December 1, 2011. Unfortunately, due to the National Conference of State Legislatures Fall Forum, November 30-December 2, in Tampa, Florida, we are unable to participate in the discussions of the Commission's Executive Committee.

We appreciated the invitation to the members of the NCSL Executive Committee Task Force on State and Local Taxation of Communications and Electronic Commerce and the offer for a liaison discussion during your Executive Committee meeting. We also appreciated the opportunity during our last two meetings in San Antonio and Quebec City, to discuss concerns about the transparency and openness of MTC meetings as well as state legislator involvement in MTC policy initiatives such as the project to amend the Multistate Tax Compact Article IV with MTC Executive Director Joe Huddleston and MTC Chairman, Commissioner Cory Fong of North Dakota.

As you are aware during the Quebec City meeting, the task force unanimously passed a resolution, which we have included with this letter, which encourages the MTC to establish a transparent process through which elected state policymakers and the taxpaying public can have meaningful input before the organization decides to engage in a policy project and as any project progresses. While we are unable to attend the meeting on December 1, we look forward to attending your next meeting to discuss the concerns raised in our resolution. We, therefore would respectfully request that you delay further actions on amending the Multistate Tax Compact Article IV until we could meet with the members of the MTC Executive Meeting. Our Task Force meets December 7-8, and we will provide a report to the members about your meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact us or Neal Osten, in NCSL's Washington office at neal.osten@ncsl.org.

Sincerely,

Senator Pam Althoff, Illinois
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