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Greetings!

Part of the fun of working in the multi-state tax world is that we get to talk to people across the country almost every day. In the last week or so, I've been on the phone (or Zoom) with clients, colleagues and Department of Revenue representatives in Illinois, Kansas, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Florida, New York, Hawaii and Tennessee, along with my home state of California. And it's easy to start conversations this time of year about the weather because it's so diverse across the country. I find that it makes me happy to hear about someone's environs and what the world looks like where they are. To put yourself in someone else's shoes (or sandals, sneakers, boots or flip-flops) for just a moment makes the conversation just that much more human, I think. No one wants to JUST talk about sales tax – even us!

But now that we have your attention, please DO check out our multistate articles in this month's newsletter. We discuss some interesting relief that CA has for marketplace facilitators and also share some nuances about voluntary disclosure agreements. There are some important updates related to Wayfair and economic nexus, and lastly our state spotlight is on Rhode Island, the Ocean State.

Here's wishing you all flip-flop weather, full vaccination, and a seat at a baseball game of your choice with a pretzel, beer and a hotdog sometime soon. Thanks for reaching out to us for all your state tax needs – we appreciate you!

Happy Spring!

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CALIFORNIA- TAX RELIEF FOR MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS

On the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* (2018) many states enacted marketplace facilitator laws to tighten the sales and use tax collection net and reduce their tax collection costs. The [marketplace facilitator laws](#) give states one-stop collection of sales and use tax: one platform reports the tax of many sellers and the state only has to look to that one platform for uncollected tax. Why chase many debtors when one will pay for them all?



[Click here to read more about California tax relief for marketplace facilitators.](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS

When it comes to business taxes, compliance is absolutely essential. That said, mistakes happen. When they do, it's often better for your business to be up front about those potential tax liabilities than keeping silent and hoping for the best. In this blog, we're weighing the pros and cons of voluntary disclosure agreements (VDAs) and why a business might want to enter into such an agreement with a state.



[Click here to read more about voluntary disclosure agreements.](#)

IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT WAYFAIR LEGISLATION IN 2021

After the landmark decision in [South Dakota v. Wayfair \(2018\)](#), states across the nation rushed to implement Wayfair-



related legislation. For most states, this meant implementing economic nexus and/or marketplace facilitation laws to better capitalize on the sales tax opportunities presented by online retail.

[Click here to learn more about Wayfair updates in 2021.](#)

FOCUS ON RHODE ISLAND

This month we travel across the country to The Ocean State of Rhode Island. The state is one of the most densely populated and heavy industrialized for its size. For a state that is only 37 miles wide and 48 miles long, it is notable that its shoreline on Narragansett Bay in the Atlantic Ocean runs for 400 miles.



[Click here to learn more about the tax landscape in Rhode Island.](#)

What's Up at Miles Consulting?

Networking:

[NAWBO-SV](#)

Due to the coronavirus, NAWBO'S events are now virtual. You can join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 for informative Zoom calls on a variety of topics. Entry is free for both members and non-members at this time. Join us for camaraderie, information sharing and a glass of wine!

[AFWA](#)

Due to the coronavirus, AFWA's events are currently suspended. Stay tuned to updates on upcoming events.

Educating/Speaking:

Our blogs are frequently featured on [Tax Connections](#).

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