



# **HARRISBURG REGIONAL**

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## **CHAMBER & CREDC** SM

### POSITION STATEMENT Proposed Sales and Use Tax Expansion

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#### **Background:**

Pennsylvania currently has a six percent sales and use tax that is placed on specific goods and services that are purchased or utilized within the state. Governor Rendell recently proposed reducing the sales tax rate from six percent to four percent while expanding the sales and use tax base by including seventy-four previously non-taxable goods and services.

#### **Reasons to Oppose:**

- The sales and use tax expansion will further burden the business community with additional taxes and make Pennsylvania less competitive.
- The expansion of the sales and use tax will increase the cost of doing business in Pennsylvania and cause businesses to pass on the new taxes to the consumers of those goods and services.

#### **Summary:**

The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC opposes the extension of the sales tax to seventy-four previously non-taxable goods and services.

**Chamber Position:** OPPOSE

**Date:** March 4, 2010

**Chair:** Scott Shearer

**Committee:** Tax

**Date:** April 1, 2010

**Chairs:** Sheilah Borne, Deb Suder

**Committee:** Government Relations

**Harrisburg Regional Chamber Board of Directors:** April 14, 2010