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Dear Senator XXXXX

**APPLYING GST TO LOW VALUE GOODS IMPORTED BY CONSUMER LEGISLATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

Business Name, strongly supports the direction outlined in the Exposure Draft of the *Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures no. 1)*

Business Name through Bicycle Industries Australia has been working with the Federal and State Governments to reduce the low value threshold and provide a level playing field for Australian retailers.

The changes in the *Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures no. 1)* bill will ensure overseas retailers charge Australian consumers GST at point-of-purchase and remit that GST back to the Australian Tax Office, in the same way every Australian retailer does.

We look forward to working with respective departments and agencies to get this initiative across the line. This reform is a longtime coming and ***retailers across the country will look very poorly on any delay*** of its implementation by the 1 July 2017 commencement date.

We are very pleased both the Government and Opposition have expressed their own strong support for the changes.

The legislation highlights;

* Applying the GST to all products sourced offshore is not a new tax.
* It is the appropriate application of the GST to products, which would, if purchased domestically, attract the GST.
* International corporations should to be paying their fair share of GST in Australia.
* This move levels the playing field for Australian retailers to overseas retailer competition.

Our brand and the entire bicycle sector have been impacted severely by the lengthy process to correct this tax benefit for international retailers. Similar to many in the industry, we have responded to the changes created in this environment, changing our practices and reducing staffing levels and other cost centres.

As a small business, we implore the senate to support this legislation, or the bicycle sector or wider retail sector, will continue to be forced to climb hurdles, which are not placed in front of their offshore competitors.

I look forward to the speedy progress of this legislation through the Australian Parliament.

Regards

Name

Position