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Governor Nixon Should Sign Change in Vehicle Sales Tax
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“The Missouri Budget Project urges Governor Nixon to accept the needed fix to the sales and use tax structure that recently passed the General Assembly. The change would ensure that vehicles purchased out of state and delivered into Missouri can still be taxed fairly and equitably, much like the Marketplace Fairness Act would do for purchases made through Internet-based retailers.

“This change not only protects funding for vital services, it prevents the export of jobs to Illinois, Kansas, and other bordering states and ensures that Missouri businesses can compete on a level playing field with out-of-state dealerships. Further, because the legislation simply clarifies existing sales tax law, it should not require a vote of the people. We urge the Governor to exercise his authority and support the legislation with his signature.

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