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Senator David Bushby
Committee Chair
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Bushby,

TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (GST LOW VALUE GOODS) BILL 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017.

This Office strongly supports the proposed legislative amendments as they will advantage Australian businesses, particularly small businesses and family enterprises. The changes will create a level playing field by requiring overseas entities to register and remit GST on their sales in a market place where this requirement is currently limited to local businesses.

Also these changes will have minimal impacts on local manufacturers who source inputs from overseas as the cost will transmit to the end consumers.

Overall, we consider the benefits flowing from the proposed legislative changes will positively support local small businesses and the Australian economy.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further, please contact me or James Strachan on

Yours sincerely,



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Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman