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Verizon Supports Efforts to Preclude Duplicative and Discriminatory Taxes on Digital Goods and Services

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and John Thune, R- S.D. on Thursday (July 25), introduced the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2013. The act is aimed at preventing states and local jurisdictions from imposing duplicative and discriminatory taxes on digital goods and services, including online downloads of music, literature and movies. The following statement should be attributed to Peter Davidson, Verizon senior vice president of federal government relations:

“The “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2013” will prevent consumers from facing duplicative and discriminatory taxes on the online download of movies, books, music and other digital goods and entertainment.

“As an industry, digital goods and services help support more than a half million American jobs and pump billions of dollars into the U.S. economy. This legislation will benefit consumers by banning discriminatory taxes on digital goods and services and by precluding multiple states or jurisdictions from imposing taxes on the same digital transaction. Consumers using the Internet for these purchases are currently vulnerable to multiple and discriminatory

taxation, and it is critical that Congress step in now to modernize Internet tax policy to address this urgent problem.

“Verizon applauds Senators Wyden and Thune for their leadership on this issue and we look forward to working them and other leaders in Congress to ensure this legislation is passed and enacted into law as soon as possible.”

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