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Guidance needed. On deadline.

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From: Beam, Adam [mailto:abeam@thestate.com]  
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 02:39 PM  
To: Godfrey, Rob  
Subject: Question

Rob,

I'm working on a story for tomorrow about state sales tax collections. The collections for FY 2012-13 are within 0.5 percent of the BEA estimate. State economists say the next two months of holiday sales will be key to the state making its sales tax estimate.

One wild card in this equation: online sales. If a growing number of S.C. residents buy holiday gifts online, the state will not collect sales taxes from those purchases.

Is the governor concerned about this? Does she think S.C. should require online retailers to collect state sales taxes?

I know she allowed the Amazon deal a few years ago to become law without her signature. I'm not sure whether she supported it or not.

Thanks for your help,

Adam

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