Supreme Court Closes Sales Tax Loophole in E-Commerce

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that states can force retailers to collect state and local sales taxes no matter where the seller operates its business, saying those taxes support local police and fire departments and other services.

"The decision, in *South Dakota v. Wayfair Inc.*, was a victory for brick-and-mortar businesses that have long complained they are put at a disadvantage by having to charge sales taxes while many online competitors do not," explains ***The New York Times***. "And it was also a victory for states that have said that they are missing out on tens of billions of dollars in annual revenue."

Justices split 5-4 on the ruling, with Anthony M. Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Samuel A. Alito Jr. and Neil M. Gorsuch in the majority.

Read the *Times* article.