



Jeff Davis Parish

*economic development
*tourist commission
*film commission
*chamber of commerce

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as support for extending the sunset provision of the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program (LTFS). Act 435 of the 2012 Regular Session is set to expire and a new bill to renew LTFS will be submitted during the 1016 Regular Session.

As a small rural parish in Louisiana, we see the increase in international visitors and we have been told by visitors that they use the Tax Free Shopping Program while visiting Louisiana. Tourism is driving the economy since the oil industry has declined and we need to protect the areas hardest hit from further weakening.

Shopping is a major driver for international visitors who stay longer and spend more money in Louisiana.

Please do not hesitate to call on me at (337) 821-5521, if I can answer questions or you would like more information.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marion Fox
President/CEO