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Dear Legislators,

I am in support of extending the sunset provision of the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program. Act 435 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is due to expire. In the upcoming Regular Session, a new bill to renew the Tax Free Shopping is being submitted.

Tax free shopping is a great program that generates billions of dollars to Jefferson Parish. The City of Westwego also benefits from the program. Tourist and local residents use this time to make purchases and save money. Surveys have shown that people travel from surrounding states to shop in Louisiana during the Tax Free Shopping Program.

It is for the reasons stated above that I continue to support the LTFS Program, and ask that this program be renewed.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John I. Shaddinger, Jr.
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