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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: SB 50 (Gruters) An act relating to the sales and use tax – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), our nearly 5,000 members in Florida and over 105,000 retail real estate establishments throughout the state, I would like to thank the Florida Senate and House of Representatives for passing SB 50 and sending it to your office for consideration. I urge you to sign this important legislation into law.

After several years of debate and discussion, the time has come for Florida to level the playing field for brick-and-mortar merchants and to require out-of-state online retailers to collect and remit sales tax.

In addition to modernizing retail sales and securing state and local revenues, these proceeds will play an important role in replenishing the reemployment compensation trust fund and ultimately be used to cut Business Rent Taxes by more than half.

As a result of the 2018 US Supreme Court *South Dakota v. Wayfair* case, we are pleased that Florida has now chosen to join other states in online sales tax collection that will benefit the state's community-based retailers.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued leadership.

If you would like to discuss this or other issues in further detail, please contact Jim Hill, ICSC Vice President, State & Local Government Relations, at jhill@icsc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McGee" in a cursive script.

Tom McGee
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