



In Support of Tax Free Shopping:

Lakeside Shopping Center is proud to house one of the state's Tax Free Refund Centers inside of Macy's at Lakeside Shopping Center. Since the refund center opened in 2008, our center has seen significant growth in business from international travelers.

The Tax Free Shopping program has made Louisiana an international shopping destination and the program allows Louisiana to compete with neighboring states including Texas and Florida, which also have similar programs. Over the past 5 years, we have seen conventioners arriving earlier and staying later in order to spend more time experiencing our state and shopping. With these extended stays also comes more time spent in hotels and restaurants across the state.

We are seeing more organized "shopping" tours than ever before. Shuttle companies have begun to set up packages specifically for international visitors that will transport them to Lakeside Shopping Center and other shopping attractions in the New Orleans area. Programs like these result directly from the Tax Free Shopping program, which is having a valuable economic impact on the state.

The sales generated by the Tax Free Shopping program have contributed to the growth of sales at Lakeside Shopping Center. The high volume of sales at the center has allowed Lakeside to maintain a high level of occupancy, employ a large number of personnel and attract new retailers to the state.

We hope to continue the great relationship we have with Louisiana Tax Free Shopping for years to come.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Wilson", is written over a white background.

Glen Wilson
General Manager
Lakeside Shopping Center