

September 17, 2019

Letter in Support of a General Retail Sales Tax Referendum

SUBJECT: Halifax County Businesses Support Sales Tax Referendum

Dear Halifax County Residents:

As owners and operators of Halifax County businesses, we write in support of the General Retail Sales Tax Referendum on which Halifax County citizens will vote November 5, 2019. Having a workforce with the right skills is the most important factor for businesses like ours to stay and grow in Halifax County. Our current high school is just not getting the job done. At 40+ years old, it is unsafe and outdated. It does not provide the focused, connected and technological learning spaces required of 21st century learning.

Regardless of whether it is renovated or rebuilt, the Sales Tax Referendum is a unique opportunity to generate funds to help bring the high school up to 21st century standards. Because approximately 20% of the taxes will be paid for by visitors to the county, the sales tax represents less of a tax burden on residents. In addition, state law requires funds generated by the tax, which will only be applied during the bonding period and does not apply to automobiles, groceries, medication, or agricultural seeds, can only be used for school construction.




Other area counties already have responded to the need to upgrade educational spaces and recently have renovated or built new high schools or are in the process of building new high schools. The undersigned business owners and operators do not want to see Halifax County left behind, and, therefore, are steadfast in our support of the sales tax referendum that permits the county to charge additional sales tax not to exceed one percent to support school construction projects in Halifax County.

This is a good business decision for Halifax County.

Signed by:

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