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**Subject:** Letter from Governor Scott to Veteran Supporters of House Bill 7099

The attached letter from the Governor's Office was prepared for supporters of House Bill 7099. The bill, signed into law by Governor Scott on [April 13](#), provides a sales tax exemption for sales of food and drink by veterans' organizations to members of veterans' organizations. It is effective [July 1, 2016](#). A draft version of the implementing instructions is currently under review within the Department of Revenue. We can expect the final implementation instructions from DOR to be ready for public posting at the end of May. I'll put a link to the implementation instructions on the FDVA website once I receive the information and keep you posted with further updates between now and then.

Regards, Steve

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**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2016

Dear Friends:

Thank you to all of the Veteran's Organizations for your continued work to serve Florida veterans and to help make Florida the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation. In addition to supporting the more than 1.5 million veterans in our state, I also recognize the importance of supporting our active military and their families.

I appreciate your efforts to support our veterans and show them our appreciation. These heroes make countless sacrifices for Florida's families, and it is my privilege to make sure we thank them and let them know that we honor and appreciate their service.

This year, the Florida First budget included recurring food and beverage sales tax cuts for veteran's organizations such as the Florida Chapters of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A, and the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, Inc. I am also proud to announce that the list now holds the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as qualified veterans' organizations.

Again, thank you for answering the call to action and providing a priceless gift to our heroes who serve Florida and our nation every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor