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Representative Allison Tant and Senator Annette Taddeo File Legislation to Create A Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday

Tallahassee, Fla. – In an effort to support small businesses and encourage consumers to shop locally, **State Representative Allison Tant (D—Tallahassee)** and **State Senator Annette Taddeo (D-Miami)** have filed [HB 637/SB 302](#), known as Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday. This legislation would exempt small businesses from collecting sales tax the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year’s “Small Business Saturday” would fall on November 27.

“As a proud small business owner myself, I brought the concept of Small Business Saturday to Florida over a decade ago when I was the Miami-Dade County Chair of the Coalition of the Chambers of Commerce,” said **Senator Taddeo**. Thanks to the pandemic, small businesses have been hit particularly hard over the past year. The Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday will give a much-needed boost to Florida small business owners as the holiday shopping season kicks into high gear.”

HB 637 and **SB 302** serve as a form of relief for many businesses that have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Reports have shown that there have been nearly 4.9 million unemployment claims in the state since the start of the pandemic back in March. **Senator Taddeo’s** Senate Bill and **Representative Tant’s** House Bill underscore for Floridians that their concerns for the survival of their businesses will not go unheard.

“Small and independent businesses are the heartbeat of every thriving community, including Tallahassee,” said **Representative Allison Tant**. “Creating a sales tax holiday to encourage holiday shopping at local businesses is a great way to honor these hard-working Floridians, as well as help them with COVID economic recovery”.

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