



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

June 10, 2009

Secretary Kurt S. Browning  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 718, enacted during the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2009 and entitled:

An act relating to discretionary sales surtaxes...

This bill allows a discretionary sales surtax to be levied without voter approval. I firmly believe that every discretionary sales surtax, or more commonly known as a local option sales tax, must be subject to voter approval.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 718, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

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