

United States Senate

June 4, 2026

Tampa Sports Authority Board of Directors
Raymond James Stadium
4201 North Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, FL 33607

Dear Directors:

The Raymond James Stadium is a publicly owned venue made to be safe and serve the interests of the Hillsborough County and Tampa residents. What happens there and who performs is accountable to the taxpayers that fund it, which is why I am writing regarding the upcoming concerts headlined by Kanye West from June 26th to June 29th.

Kanye West's consistent antisemitic attacks are an affront to the values of the people of the Hillsborough community. He has openly praised Nazis, called himself one, and slandered Jews across the world. Kanye West also funded a Superbowl ad in 2025 that directed viewers to purchase merchandise featuring swastikas. West's remarks are vile and a slap in the face to our state's Jewish community. It is troubling that a stadium supported by taxpayer dollars would openly subsidize an event led by an artist known for pushing this dangerous, hateful rhetoric, especially with Florida having one of the largest Jewish populations in our country.

West has been condemned by political figures across the political aisle. His outbursts and hate have helped to mainstream antisemitism. He was recently barred from performing in the United Kingdom due to offensive antisemitic remarks. I urge you to carefully review this decision, given the fact that taxpayer dollars are helping the show go on.

I am confident that the Tampa Sports Authority will continue fostering a safe and inclusive community, especially for Jewish Floridians. No taxpayer dollars should be used to give a vocal antisemite a stage in Florida, and I am sure that you will take appropriate action to make sure that doesn't happen. What we spend public money on reflects our values, and using dollars from hardworking families to platform a hateful person pushing evil ideologies is not a Florida value.

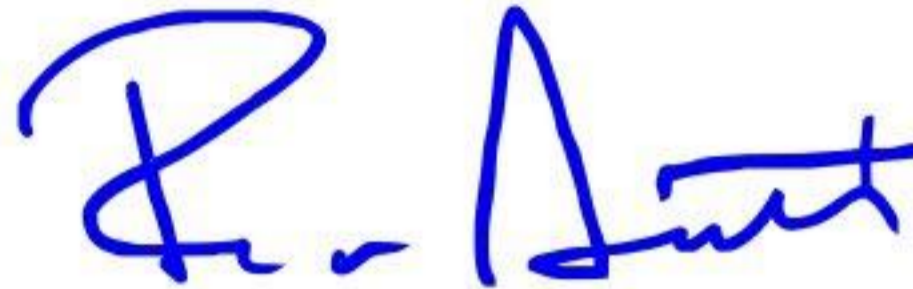
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My team stands ready to assist with accessing any resources needed in addressing this issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your dedication to the well-being of the Hillsborough community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Scott
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
The Honorable Blaise Ingoglia, Chief Financial Officer of Florida
Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
The Honorable Jane Castor, Mayor, City of Tampa