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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: City of Clermont Opposition to CS/HB 403 – Home Based Businesses

Dear Gov. DeSantis,

I'm writing to express the City of Clermont's strong opposition and objection to CS/HB 403– Home Based Businesses.

I urge you to veto this bill, as it lacks the language necessary to balance the desire to operate a home-based business with the possibly detrimental impacts upon surrounding homeowners' property rights. The proposed bill would create a significant preemption of Municipal Home Rule Authority by voiding established local ordinances or regulations that have tailored unique solutions to Clermont's homeowner and business concerns.

We are concerned about the severe, negative impact this bill could have upon Clermont's residents and business owners. Zoning regulations should give property owners an understanding or expectation as to the type of activities that may occur in nearby properties. However, the proposed bill would allow a significant, intense business activity to occur on residentially zoned property without any forewarning. This is unacceptable and threatens our citizens' quality of life.

Please veto CS/HB 403. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SDauderis", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc: Tim Murry, Mayor
Timothy Bates, Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Purvis, Council Member
Ebo Entsuah, Council Member
Michele Pines, Council Member