

June 15, 2021

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

Re: Veto Request for CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses

Dear Governor Desantis:

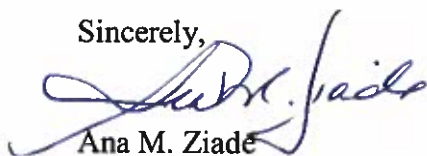
On behalf of the City of North Lauderdale, we urge you to veto CS/HB 403 Home-Based Businesses. This Bill in its current format is not conducive to the preservation of our small-town neighborhoods and the promotion of our limited commercial districts.

Our City is a family-oriented community with an abundance of well-maintained, affordable housing. The City prides itself on its schools, parks and youth programs. There are very few commercial properties so those shopping centers provide the goods and services for our residents and many jobs. The property owners take pride in maintaining their properties and over recent years have rehabilitated their buildings and in several cases expanded to provide additional bays and in turn more jobs. If put in place, CS/HB 403 would create unnecessary and unproductive competition for the City's commercial base. It would endanger jobs and the ability of the property owners to rent spaces because of the competition of operating a business out of a home with no rental cost. Additionally, North Lauderdale was originally built as a retirement community and as such, homes are on small lots and there is limited parking. Allowing customers to come to homes for services will exacerbate the parking problems already existing and will negatively impact the neighborhood environment.

CS/HB will not only adversely impact Home Rule powers, it will also void existing regulations that exist to cater to our individuality and support the atmosphere that our residents and businesses moved to North Lauderdale to be a part of.

We implore you to protect our neighborhoods and business communities by vetoing CS/HB 403 Home-Based Businesses. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Ana M. Ziade  
Mayor – City of North Lauderdale

