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

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

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I currently serve as the Council President for the City of Plantation and on the Board of Directors for the Broward League of Cities.

This letter is to seek your assistance in protecting the residential neighborhoods of my city with a veto of CS/HB 403.

As a local municipal official, I am connected to the residents in my city every day. Our employees are able to respond to issues and concerns if not immediately, then quite promptly, as the government body in closest proximity to the people.

We encourage entrepreneurs within the City of Plantation, but that must be balanced with regulations that allow us to maintain the character of our community with common-sense restrictions which lessen the impact on neighbors. CS/HB 403 is essentially a zoning change, one not conducted at the local level with a public hearing, but on the Senate floor.

Working from home remotely or making bracelets to sell on ETSY are not the same as operating a car stereo installation, auto repair or even a fireworks business which stores flammable supplies on the property. These are the types of businesses that could be permitted if this bill is signed into law. The fatal explosion that occurred in a Southern California residential neighborhood in March 2021 was due to a large stash of *commercial grade fireworks* in the home. It terrifies me that such a tragedy could be possible in Plantation. If CS/HB 403 is signed into law, that possibility becomes all the more real for every municipality in Florida.

These are just a few of the reasons I request you veto CS/HB 403. Thank you for your service to the State of Florida and your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,