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May 21, 2021

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

Re: CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I encourage you to act in the best interest of the State of Florida by vetoing CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses that was hastily passed by the Florida Legislature in the final moments of the 2021 legislative session.

We know you to be a supporter and advocate for Home Rule concepts set out in Article VII (2)(b) of the Florida Constitution. Among Florida's 411 cities and its millions of citizens living in cities and counties, CS/HB 403 will create confusion for residents.

There were reasonable attempts offered by the Florida League of Cities, even at the last minute, to compromise, but the Bill passed by a narrow margin. This Bill takes away cities' ability to set reasonable limits on signage, hours of operation, exterior storage, traffic movement, etc. It will make home-based businesses more powerful and anti-competitive compared to the hundreds of other normally regulated businesses in Port Orange and beyond.

Please join me in promoting good government by vetoing CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses. Thank you for your service to the citizens of Florida and for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald O. Burnette", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Donald O. Burnette
Mayor

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