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May 10, 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 Tamarac, I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 Home-Based Businesses. Tamarac's zoning ordinance has created reasonable requirements regarding commercial uses in residential areas. Being responsive to the local community, we identified and put in place regulations that are compatible with residential neighborhoods.

The ability of local government to set fair limitations to address resident concerns is vital to preserving the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods. Through our ordinance on home-based businesses, the City ensures that neighborhoods maintain their property value, quality appearance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens.

If allowed to become law CS/HB 403 creates a new section of law relating to home-based businesses. It restricts local cities and counties from enacting or enforcing any ordinance or policy or take any action to license or regulate a home-based business differently from other businesses in a commercial zone. CS/HB 403, as amended, removed compromise language on hours of operation, parking, heavy equipment, signage, storage, and business transactions in view of the street.

CS/HB 403 will adversely impact Home Rule powers and void existing regulations uniquely tailored to address homeowner and business concerns. Additionally, it will preempt the ability of local government to manage and balance competing property rights.

For these reasons, the City of Tamarac requests you veto CS/HB 403. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Michelle J. Gomez
Mayor