



REBECCA A. TOOLEY
MAYOR

May 12, 2021

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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek and the Coconut Creek City Commission, I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 relating to home-based businesses. While the City of Coconut Creek supports entrepreneurship, a responsive government must balance the desire to operate a home-based business with the potential impacts on residential neighborhoods and residential property values.

CS/HB 403 was amended on the last day of session to remove essential elements needed to properly balance the desire to operate a home-based business with the potential adverse impacts on the property rights of surrounding homeowners. Our citizens consistently request that we please protect our neighborhoods and livability thereof. Reasonable regulatory authority is needed to allow us to be responsive to those citizens.

This bill is unnecessary and creates several potential problems by substantially broadening the uses allowed in residential neighborhoods such as car repair and industrial related uses, and even preempts local control over something as simple as hours of operation. The last-minute amendment filed by the House, and narrowly approved by the Senate, removed the negotiated legislation that was amenable to local governments which allowed common sense and reasonable local regulations.

If signed into law, CS/HB 403 will be a significant preemption of Home Rule powers and the ability of local government to balance competing property rights. Additionally, the bill will void existing local ordinances or regulations that have tailored unique solutions to homeowner and business concerns. I ask that you let common sense prevail and veto CS/HB 403. Thank you for your service to the citizens of this great state and your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

REBECCA A. TOOLEY
Mayor

cc: City Commission