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**Office of the  
City Manager**

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

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the City of Winter Park and the Winter Park City Commission, I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 relating to home-based businesses (HBB). This legislation was amended on the last day of the session and removed essential elements needed to properly balance the desire to operate a home-based business with the potential adverse impacts on the property rights of the surrounding homeowners.

One of the major responsibilities of local government is to protect our neighborhoods and the quality of life for our residents. Reasonable regulatory authority is needed to allow us to be responsive to our citizens. The final HBB legislation strips any such authority from the local elected officials.

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. In addition, this bill will void existing local ordinances and regulation that have tailored unique solutions to both homeowner and business concerns.

I ask that you let Home Rule prevail and veto CS/HB 403. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your service to the citizens of this great State.

Sincerely,

Randy B. Knight  
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Commission