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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
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May, 18 2021

RE: Veto Request for CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses.

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On behalf of the City of Mount Dora, Florida, through its unanimous City Council, we urge you to VETO CS/HB 403 for the reasons set out in the letter to you from the Florida League of Cities, dated May 7 2021.

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 mass confusion for their residents, and certainly that is so for the City of Mount Dora.

While the few homeowners that may seek to take advantage of this ill-advised and poorly drafted Bill, many times more of their neighbors will see their property values negatively impacted.

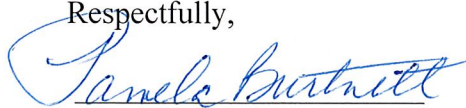
There were reasonable attempts offered by the Florida League of Cities, even at the last minute, to compromise, but through some political trickery, the Bill passed by the narrowest of margins. A significant number of Senate Republicans opposed the Bill and the process.

This Bill takes away city's ability to set reasonable limits on signage, hours of operation, exterior storage, traffic movement, etc. It will essentially make home-based businesses more powerful and anti-competitive compared to the hundreds of other normally-regulated business in Mount Dora and beyond.

This significant preemption of Home Rule powers constitutionally granted to cities of Florida ought not to be undermined by this messed-up, patch-work Bill.

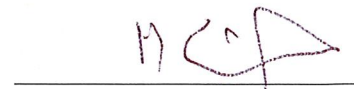
The City of Mount Dora, through its City Council, and on behalf of its 15,000 citizens, unanimously urges you to VETO CS/HB 403. Thank you for leading our great State.

Respectfully,



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