

Town of OAKLAND Florida

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May 24, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State 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 Town of Oakland and the Town Commission, I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 relating to Home-Based Businesses (HBB). The current legislation bill lacks the language necessary to balance the desire to operate a home-based business with potential detrimental impacts on surrounding homeowners' property rights.

The last minute amendment filed by the House and narrowly approved by the Senate removed the negotiated language that was amenable to local governments which included some common sense and reasonable local regulation such as: prohibitions on having business activities occur within view of the street; local control over hours of operation; the ability of local governments to regulate business signs; exterior storage regulations; the amount of traffic coming and going from the HBB; local control on HBB uses of equipment or processes that creates noise, vibration, heat, smoke, dust, glare, fumes or odors; and the ability of local governments to license HBB.

One thing town staff and our local elected officials frequently hear from our citizens is to please protect our neighborhoods. Reasonable regulatory authority is needed to allow us to be responsive to those requests. The final HBB legislation strips any such authority from us.

Please veto CS/HB 403 and continue to allow us to protect our neighborhoods while allowing home-based business to thrive under reasonable regulations.

Sincerely,



Steve Koontz
Town Manager
Town of Oakland

