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

Re: Please Veto HB 403 Home Based Business

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for your service and leadership here in Florida.

We are writing you to request that you veto HB 403 Home-Based Businesses. Virtually every Town and County in the State of Florida has a Home-Based Business code that allows Home-Based Businesses, including the Town of Indialantic. Our town has embraced this entrepreneurial spirit, as demonstrated by 17% of our licensed businesses which are Home-Based Businesses. This Bill is completely unnecessary, and creates a number of potential problems in residential neighborhoods by substantially broadening the uses allowed in residential neighborhoods, such as car repair and industrial related uses, and even preempts local control on something as common sense as hours of operation. The vast majority of homeowners in the State of Florida reside outside of a homeowners' association and depend on their local code for the protection of their neighborhoods, which balance the rights of businesses and homeowners.

Additionally, members of the Florida Senate indicated in the media significant confusion concerning which version of HB 403 was being considered on the final day of the session. HB 403 passed the Florida Senate by vote of 19-18 with three Senators present in the Chambers, but did not vote, a violation of Senate Rules. The Senate requested the Florida House return this legislation to correct this violation; however, the House had adjourned Sine Die.

A 19-18 vote signifies that this is a decisive issue and members of both parties, including five members of the majority party, objected to this legislation. Based upon the foregoing, please veto HB 403.

Sincerely,

Simon Kemp
Councilmember

Julie McKnight
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Dave Berkman
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