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

Via Email: Ron.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com

Re: Veto Request for CS/HB 403 Home-Based Businesses

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 in it's current version.

While the State of Florida is known as a business friendly economic engine for our country we are also known for the quality of life that we deliver to our residents. The language contained in CS/HB 403 could dramatically impact the quality of life that we have all worked so hard to create.

I'm sure we can all agree that running a home based business on a 10 acre home site in the Ocala region should be looked at differently than running one on a quarter acre lot in urban South Florida. Locally based rules allow the local officials the flexibility to tailor their codes to deal with local conditions.

There was some good compromise on the home based business issue among legislators and stakeholders this year but unfortunately on the last day of session the bill was amended to create the version that is before you. This issue is too important to all of the residents and businesses in our State to allow bad legislation to become law.

Once again, please veto CS/HB 403.

Thank you for your leadership of our great State!

Sincerely,

Rex Hardin

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