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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Thank you for choosing our community to visit on May 5, 2021 to announce the bonus initiative to public safety personnel throughout our State. Your strong support of our public safety community is very much appreciated by our City Council, staff and our community residents.

As the City Council, we are respectfully requesting that you veto HB 403 Home Based Businesses. Satellite Beach has always allowed home-based businesses. We currently regulate home-based businesses through our zoning code, similar to many other cities and counties. The current trend of the State Legislature to preempt local governments zoning regulations only create more nuisance issues for local governments. For example, the HB 403 substantially broadens the uses allowed as home-based businesses in our community and would allow such uses as car repair and industrial activity.

Zoning is an important tool to stop problems before they happen. Zoning regulations ensure a balance of appropriate uses allowed for areas of community, so that people can enjoy the use of their property without infringing on the rights of the property owners around them. When this tool is delegated to the State, without concern for local needs, culture, and economy, it only exacerbates the nuisance calls to the Police and Code Enforcement Departments.

As a City, 41% of our licensed businesses are home-based businesses. As such, it is completely unnecessary for the State to pass a bill on this issue, since there clearly is not a problem with people being able to start a business in their home. In fact, HB 403 will only create more issues for communities to address.

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

Sincerely,

  
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Mayor

  
Dominick Montanro  
Vice Mayor

  
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Councilmember

  
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