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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 Businesses


Dear Governor Desantis:

We are writing you to request that you veto HB 403 Home-Based Businesses. This bill creates a significant preemption of Home Rule, allowing businesses to exist in any zoning with no limit on the types, hours, noise, etc. Essentially, eliminating zoning laws which could lead to the destruction of residential neighborhoods. This bill would give rights to homeowner's associations that local jurisdictions will no longer have, and the vast majority of homeowners in the State of Florida reside outside of a homeowner's association and depend on their local code to balance the rights of businesses and homeowners. In addition, if HB 403 was widely supported, why did it not come through normal processes? HB 403 passed the Florida Senate by a vote of 19-18, however; three Senators that were present in the Chambers did not vote, which is a violation of Senate Rules.

Thank you for your service and leadership here in Florida and for your consideration to veto HB 403.

Sincerely,

Cathy DeMott
Councilmember


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Tom Sammon
Vice Mayor

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