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

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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Village Council of the Village of Estero directed me to send this letter to you in full support of the efforts of the Florida League of Cities, urging your veto of CS/HB 403. This legislation has the potential to negatively impact the quality of life that our residents enjoy in their residential communities. Local governments have always had the ability to balance the interest of entrepreneurs seeking to work from home, and engage in home-based businesses, while insuring that residential communities retain the safety, peace and tranquility required for the high quality of life that has attracted people to live in this great state. This balancing act by local governments has worked exceptionally well and does not require the changes contained in CS/HB 403.

CS/HB 403 prohibits local governments from regulating or licensing home-based businesses and provides in part that a home-based business that operates from a residential property, "May not be prohibited, restricted, regulated, or licensed in a manner that is different from other businesses in a local government's jurisdiction." As has been pointed out by the League of Cities, many businesses that should not be in residential communities will be permitted if this legislation becomes law. For example, home-based businesses could be permitted to store dangerous chemical, engage in boat and auto repair, provide scooter rentals, and many other activities that simply should not be permitted in residential communities. This legislation, if not vetoed, will make it impossible for local governments to protect residential communities from the harm some businesses will cause in our neighborhoods.

The Village of Estero joins with the League of Cities in urging you to veto CS/HB 403.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Errington".

Mayor Katy Errington