

June 21, 2021

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

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As a resident of Ponce Inlet, FL (Volusia County), I respectfully request that you veto CS/HB 403 relating to home-based businesses (HBB). I want to protect my neighborhood, my property value, and my quality of life.

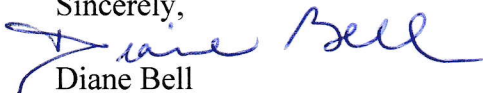
CS/HB 403 does not balance the desire to operate a home-based business with the potential negative impact on the property rights of surrounding homeowners. If you sign this bill into law, I could have a quiet, small business next door to me. Or, since local jurisdictions cannot regulate a home-based business in a manner that is different from other businesses in a local government's jurisdiction, I could also have a 24-hour business next door to me, bringing noisy late-night traffic and/or crime. I could also have a dirty and noisy repair garage right next to my home. The businesses could bring a lot of strangers to my neighborhood and then my family and I are unsafe.

State statutes already require local governments to have comprehensive land use plans that designate what businesses are permitted in different areas of each municipality. Local ordinances account for the differing impacts on residential uses posed by specific business uses within a community. Please veto this bill and let local cities and towns decide what is best for their municipality, based on their residents' feedback. Zoning is a function of local government.

CS/HB 403 would change the character, look, and feel of Florida's neighborhoods. It has potential for significant negative impact on residents, neighborhoods and our property values.

I request you veto CS/HB 403. Thank you considering what the citizens of Florida want on this matter.

Sincerely,



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