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The Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
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RE: Florida Chamber Opposes Proposal 61

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your service to Florida as a Commissioner of the 2018 Constitution Revision Commission. Your role in refining and debating our state's central document has the potential to set Florida on a path of continued prosperity.

One of the many issues that you as Commissioners will debate is the proper role of our state government in relation to local governments. The Florida Constitution gives local governments the power to carry out the functions of government, except as otherwise provided by law, allowing the state legislature to pass laws that preempt local government.

The Florida Chamber has consistently opposed local actions that create a patchwork of burdensome regulations under which businesses must navigate. Although well intentioned, the Florida Chamber believes that Proposal 61 would significantly hinder the legislature's ability to limit local authority and create one statewide standard for certain regulations. There are 412 municipalities in Florida, all of which have the power to adopt local ordinances that impact job creators and local economies. For businesses that have multiple locations, operating in different localities means navigating the laws that come with each location. While some local regulations make sense, others that impact the business's ability to do business across different locations are problematic. Having one statewide standard gives businesses certainty and consistency, which allows for a greater reinvestment into the business in the form of capital, equipment and more or better jobs.

Specifically, the Florida Chamber of Commerce opposes Proposal 61 because it:

- Ignores that local governments are an ancillary government of the state and that the state has the power to limit local powers;
- Allows for a patchwork of unnecessary regulations;
- May result in litigation if legislation unintentionally conflicts with local ordinances; and
- Restricts the legislature's ability to limit local authority.

The Florida Chamber urges you to vote against this proposal, but looks forward to working with the Constitution Revision Commission to help write Florida's next chapter of collaboration and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank C. Walker III".

**Securing Florida's Future**

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