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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Laurel Lee
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Dear Secretary Lee:

I have signed into law Committee Substitute for House Bill 1087 – Domestic Violence Services.

After months of obstruction, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) recently disclosed information revealing a pattern of egregious misconduct, including exorbitant compensation payouts to executive leadership, abuse of state dollars, withholding of information and breach of public trust. This complete lack of transparency and accountability is inexcusable. House Bill 1087 takes an important step by removing FCADV from the Florida Statutes, thus preventing further abuse by FCADV and ensuring that survivors of domestic violence are receiving the services they need.

I commend Senate President Bill Galvano and Florida House Speaker José Oliva for taking swift legislative action to remove the FCADV from statute and allow the Department of Children and Families to administer all programs related to domestic violence services so that survivors in need of these services can continue to receive vital care.

The continuity of these services for individuals who need them is of paramount importance. My administration will not tolerate wasteful or fraudulent spending, especially by an organization charged with protecting and serving vulnerable victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor