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GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2-B (CS/SB 2-B), enacted by the 29th Legislature convened under the Constitution of Florida of 1968 during Special Session B of 2025 and entitled:

An act related to Immigration

President Trump has promised the largest mass deportation effort in American history, and with his reelection, we have an unprecedented opportunity to help the President make good on that promise. This effort will require all hands on deck, and the State of Florida must lead in making resources and personnel across the state available to support the Trump Administration's deportation mission.

I have vetoed CS/SB 2-B because stronger, more aggressive bills have been produced that will further establish Florida as the nation's leader in immigration policy. As I originally called for, SB 2-C and SB 4-C make it a state crime to enter or re-enter Florida as an illegal alien, expand the Unauthorized Alien Transport Program, end reckless catch-and-release policies, enhance penalties for illegal aliens who commit crimes in the state, enhance penalties for transnational crime organizations, create crimes for illegal aliens voting in elections, and put state and local officials on notice that failure to enforce immigrations laws could result in suspension from office. SB 2-C and SB 4-C address the deficiencies of CS/SB 2-B to ensure that these initiatives are both constitutional and demonstrate that we are fully supporting the federal government in its enforcement of immigration law.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 2-B and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ron DeSantis
Governor