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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Laurel Lee
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Lee:

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 **CS/SB 102**, enacted during the 124th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2022 and entitled:

An act relating to establishing the congressional districts of the state

As presented in both the primary and secondary maps enacted by the Legislature, Congressional District 5 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum. Although I understand the Legislature's desire to comply with the Florida Constitution, the Legislature is not absolved of its duty to comply with the U.S. Constitution. Where the U.S. and Florida Constitutions conflict, the U.S. Constitution must prevail.

Accordingly, I withhold my approval of **CS/SB 102** and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis.

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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