



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

January 18, 2019

Dear Florida Professional Licensing Board Member:

When I took office last week, I committed to the people of Florida that we would build on the flourishing economy our state has enjoyed in recent years.

Sound fiscal policy and low taxes have made Florida one the most attractive states in the nation to do business, but there is more we can do to expand our lead, strengthen our economy and improve our job market.

We know that small business is the engine that drives Florida's economic success. And yet unreasonable and needless regulations create a drag on our economic growth, stifle competition and keep hard working Floridians out of the labor pool.

Aggressive and appropriate deregulation is a priority for my administration. That is why I'm calling on the full membership of each of Florida's 23 Professional Licensing Boards to join me, the First Lady, Lt. Governor Núñez and Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Secretary Halsey Beshears on Thursday, January 31, 2019 in Orlando for a one-day event we're calling the "Florida Deregathon."

Our expectation is that each board arrives prepared to roll-up its sleeves, discuss, debate, identify and recommend substantive regulations that can be targeted for immediate elimination. Lt. Governor Núñez will preside over the working portion of the day, and each board will present its results to the people of Florida at the end of the day.

Each board will be acting in an advisory capacity and no official vote or action will be taken; however, counsel for the board should still take care to comply with the seven-day meeting notice requirement of the Florida Administrative Procedures Act.

Unreasonable regulations should never stand in the way of our state's continued economic success. Lt. Governor Núñez and I see this event as a first step toward creating a regulatory climate in our state as welcoming as the Florida sunshine.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and attendance at this important event. DBPR staff will be in contact with you to provide further details. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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