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Beckner's Clinic Ordinance would punish law abiding clinics; won't stop fraud.

By Brian Blair

The last thing we need in Hillsborough County is more duplication, rules and regulations that harm small businesses. This is nothing more than a tax and another expense that will be passed on to our local taxpayers. AHCA, the same Department that regulates our Hospitals now regulates these clinics along with two dedicated Sheriff's in Hillsborough County as well as the Insurance Industry. This is paramount to killing a "Knat" with a "Sledge Hammer". There are always going to be "Bad Apples" in this Industry.

The Hillsborough County PIP Ordinance does not fight fraud it taxes and over regulates legitimate businesses. Funding law enforcement fights fraud. Criminals don't follow laws and regulations. This will amount to nothing more than higher taxes and overburdens of regulations in Hillsborough County.

This ordinance requires;

- A Doctor employed by a business owner to be a signor on the business owner's bank account. How does the government have the right to tell a business owner who has to be on their checking account?
- A onetime tax of \$500.00 and an annual tax of \$1500.00 on small businesses.

- A business to take all insurance and does not allow the business owner to decide which insurance it wants to take.
- A business owner to be open to the public a minimum of three business days a week from 9-5 Monday through Friday. This ordinance does not allow a business owner to set their own hours.
- A business owner to put their phone number on the front door or on the front of the building.
- A business owner to have an employee answer the phone and they are not allowed to use a prerecorded message.
- That a caller to the business cannot be on hold for more than three minutes.
- A business owner to answer the phone within 3 attempts by a caller.
- A business owner to have a physician physically present at the clinic location 3 days per calendar week and for at least four hours each of those three days. The government wants to dictate employee's schedule.

The Public hearing is schedule at the County Center downtown tomorrow September 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm (EST). Public speaking is allowed.

Thank You,

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