

MARCH 20, 2018

THE HONORABLE GEORGE GAINER  
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DEAR SENATOR GAINER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRIUMPH GULF COAST AND FOR SHARING YOUR VIEWS ABOUT CHAPTER 288, F.S. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND FOR YOUR ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR TRIUMPH AWARDS.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GOOD WORK IN PRESERVING COASTAL NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S SHARE OF ECONOMIC DAMAGE SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE DEEPWATER HORIZON DISASTER, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES OPERATING IN ALL EIGHT OF THE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COUNTIES HAVE PROPOSED 137 PROJECTS WHICH WE ARE REVIEWING. THE BOARD'S PART-TIME ECONOMIC ADVISOR, DR. RICK HARPER, AND OUR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, CORI HENDERSON, HAVE MET WITH MORE THAN 80 APPLICANTS AND POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO ASSIST THEM IN EVALUATING THEIR LOCAL NEEDS, DEVELOPING THEIR PROPOSALS AND UNDERSTANDING HOW TRIUMPH GULF COAST MAY BE HELPFUL. YOU MAY WISH TO VIEW THE PROJECTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO US AT [WWW.MYFLORIDATRIUMPH.ORG](http://WWW.MYFLORIDATRIUMPH.ORG) WE EXPECT MORE APPLICATIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

AS APPOINTEES OF THE GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, OUR DIRECTORS ARE MINDFUL OF THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES THE LAW IMPOSES ON US FOR STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP. WE APPRECIATE YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND ADVICE AND WOULD BE HONORED TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR MEETINGS. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE TO GAIN THE BENEFIT OF ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT OUR WORK.

WITH WARM BEST WISHES,

RESPECTFULLY,

DON GAETZ  
CHAIR

CC: TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD MEMBERS