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November 27, 2018

Mr. Don Gaetz  
Chairman  
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
PO Box 12007  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

RE: Local Impact of Hurricane Michael

Dear Mr. Gaetz:

Thank you for reaching out to the Northwest Florida communities that were impacted by Hurricane Michael earlier this year. Lynn Haven has been truly blessed, we are grateful that none of the residents lost their lives because of the storm. However, the entire public and business infrastructure in the City was severely damaged. Almost all commercial properties within the City limits received some damage, over 120 Lynn Haven businesses (34%) are still closed six weeks after the storm. The recovery process has begun but is only slowly moving forward. Before the storm, available commercial space was very limited, but space is even more scarce today. Existing businesses are fighting every single day to stay open and continue to be a vital part of our community fabric.

Especially now, it is important that we send a strong message to the community and the world that Lynn Haven is strong, that we will persevere, and that we will rebuild even better than before! Our project of updating the Lynn Haven Sports Complex to a regional sports facility (project #56) is a vital part of this message. It would secure existing and add new jobs to our community and increase commercial demand for our local businesses.

We therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the submitted project. Please give me a call at 850.814.8740 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. White", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael E. White  
City Manager  
City of Lynn Haven

Cc: City of Lynn Haven City Commission  
William Dozier, Chairman Bay County Commission