



December 7, 2018

The Honorable Don Gaetz, Chair  
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast  
P.O. Box 12007  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Dear President Gaetz:

The Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) is the statewide trade association representing Florida's 34 municipal electric utilities. FMEA's member utilities range in size from large systems like Jacksonville, Orlando and Tallahassee, to small systems like Blountstown, Chattahoochee and Havana. Collectively, FMEA's members serve approximately 1.3 customer meters which equates to about 3 million Floridians, or 14% of the state's population.

I am writing to you today to provide FMEA's support for Tallahassee Community College's (TCC) WEI Florida Big Bend Coastal Center of Excellence (FBCCCE) for Elevated Technology Training (ETT<sup>2</sup>) program. This project will help fill the gap to create the necessary occupations to fill job openings to, among other things, assist in repairing the infra-structure impacted by hurricanes, but also build systems to increase infrastructure resiliency to hurricanes in the future locally and state-wide. ETT<sup>2</sup> will be a living laboratory where workforce training curricula can be developed and implemented with industry's input for new and existing energy occupations such as lineman and relay technicians. To meet the need of the power and utility companies TCC will offer the Florida Department of Education Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers (Electrical Lineman) Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) or Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) program.

This training program will provide opportunities for FMEA's member utilities, particularly those in the northern part of the state, to have qualified training facilities and programs nearby geographically for lineworkers and other operational employees within their utility. FMEA looks forward to supporting TCC on this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Zubaly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Amy Zubaly  
Executive Director

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