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December 6, 2018

Chairman Don Gaetz
Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Re: Eastern Shipbuilding

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Bay County Board of County Commissioners supports and recommends the application submitted by Eastern Shipbuilding Group to the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., as we believe this project will strengthen and diversify our local economy. The Bay County Commission has extended assistance in support of Eastern Shipbuilding on numerous occasions due to the importance of the community partnership extending from Eastern throughout our County.

Our community has supported Eastern's pursuit of the U.S. Coast Guard OPC contract for the past 5 years. We have also supported Eastern's award of many commercial contracts which has enabled them to provide a strong economic impact in our community for generations.

This yard has also been historically used for commercial shipbuilding and with the award of the USCG OPC contract, Eastern has committed this yard for the foreseeable future to the exclusive use of OPC manufacturing.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Majka, Jr.
County Manager