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Mr. Howard Liebman, Ph.D.
Smart Horizons Career Online High School
25 East 9 ½ Mile Road
Pensacola, Florida 32534

January 9, 2019

Dear Dr. Liebman:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. We appreciate your time and effort and your commitment to creating a better Northwest Florida.

As you may know, Triumph Gulf Coast has received many more requests for funding than can be supported with the resources available to us. Unfortunately, after a thorough review by our professional advisors, it does not appear that your proposal meets our purposes and requirements for substantially improving the economy of the eight counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

We are required by law to score each application as to its likely return on investment and potential for diversifying and enhancing our regional economy. Proposal # 119, "Smart Horizon Career Online High School", was scored as a C based on the economic impact information provided in the application.

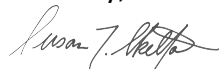
Proposals with a score of C, D, or F will not be recommended to our Board of Directors. There is no certainty that all A and B scored proposals will be funded.

While the application provides generic information regarding the value of effective educational interventions, it is lacking in several dimensions. The application notes that community-based public libraries will be integral to outreach recruitment, and as support throughout the project. However, there are no specific indicators of partnership or support from these proposed library partners. The application suggests that outcome measures will be limited to Career Online High School (COHS) graduation data because it is not practicable to track student employment as a measure of outcome. However, other Triumph-funded programs are expected to overcome this obstacle. The application notes that "COHS Triumph would be launched with existing resources ...within 60 days or less," and that the costs "represent 23-24% of the annual costs of the Florida statewide COHS program." Over half of the costs are in scholarships to be awarded to

students presumably to then be spent on COHS tuition. Further, the information provided in the application did not identify the number of high-paying jobs that would be created under the proposal.

We appreciate your participation and welcome any future proposals that more closely fulfill the purposes and requirements of Triumph Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan J. Skelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being the most prominent.

Susan Skelton
Executive Director