



Florida Defense Support Task Force

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Chairman, Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Chairman Fountain,

As you are aware, the Florida Defense Support Task Force is legislatively chartered to monitor activities as they relate to military communities and installations, and to provide and support recommendations on behalf of those entities. As such, the transportation challenges within Okaloosa County have come to our attention; particularly Highway 85 and Highway 98.

The Task Force recognizes that Brig Gen Dertien, Commander 96th Test Wing and Colonel Thomas Palenske, former Commander 1st Special Operations Wing have both identified traffic congestion as negatively impacting their ability to recruit civilian employees, and having a direct impact on their military mission capabilities. With research, development, testing and training continuing to grow on the Eglin Test and Training Complex, along with associated missions, the Task Force acknowledges that the growing traffic congestion will continue to exacerbate the military leadership's current identified challenges.

The Task Force pledges its support for Okaloosa County to act on identified solutions to alleviate congestion and improve transportation infrastructure, and offers its assistance if needed and applicable.

If you should require any further assistance, please contact the Task Force Executive Director, Terry McCaffrey, at tmccaffrey@eflorida.com or (850)878-5478.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Trumbull".

Representative Jay Trumbull
Task Force Chairman

Cc: Kay Rasmussen, DSI