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Mr. Don Gaetz
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Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Re: AMIkids Panama City Marine Institute career certifications grant application

Dear Chairman Gaetz,

At its August 4, 2020 meeting, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners considered the merits of AMIkids Panama City Marine Institute's grant application to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

As proposed, the AMIkids Maritime Academy would prepare students for future occupations and careers in unmanned systems and construction. The unmanned systems course would introduce students to emerging technology fields such as unmanned systems and robotics. The construction course would certify students in NCCER CORE, Carpentry, OSHA 10 and Masonry and will specialize in iC panel construction.

In ten years, the academy plans to serve approximately 1350 students, who would earn over 1200 Florida Career and Professional Education Act (CAPE) certifications and an additional 768 other industry recognized certifications for a total of over 2000 industry certifications for STEM related careers. The certifications in unmanned systems and construction would support components of the county's post-Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and assist in initiatives including economic redevelopment, affordable housing redevelopment, military economics and business expansion.

On August 4, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to support PCMI's grant application to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. and to submit a letter of support under my signature. Please give full consideration to the grant application.

Sincerely,

Philip "Griff" Griffitts
Chairman