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October 1, 2021

Mr. Lewis Bear, Chairman
Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission
3 West Garden Street, Suite 618
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Mr. Bear,


The purpose of this letter is to document the support of Escambia County for PEDC's Triumph Gulf Coast application for Project Pioneer, as a qualified target industry business considering Escambia County for major capital investment and the creation of 60 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$61,204, which is 136% higher wages than the current 2021 Escambia average of \$45,074.

We fully support PEDC's acquisition of an existing 170,000 SF facility in Ellyson Industrial Park in order for Escambia County to become the location of choice for this important, competitive economic development project and welcome the transformational qualities this project will have in strengthening, diversifying, and expanding the tax base of Escambia County.

Moreover, the infusion of significant capital investment in our community helps to further stimulate the economy of Escambia County, Northwest Florida. Project Pioneer will increase employment with highly skilled and technical aspects of life sciences advanced manufacturing jobs which greatly assists in the positive recovery from the BP oil spill, natural disasters and Covid-19 that have negatively impacted our community and regionally, all eight disproportionately affected counties in the NW Florida area.

Therefore, we strongly encourage the Triumph Gulf Coast Board's approval of Project Pioneer, as an extremely important economic development project for Escambia County and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,


Wesley J. Moreno
Interim County Administrator