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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Rick Scott  
Office of the Governor  
State of Florida-The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund  
Public Infrastructure Grant

Dear Governor Scott,

On March 6, 2018, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to support the School District of Indian River County's grant proposal for the "Expansion of the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education" project under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. This project will provide access to training high need, high wage jobs. Currently there is not a postsecondary institution in our community that offers these training programs, so the School District is stepping up to meet these needs.

The Technical Center already offers career paths in the Healthcare field; with the expansion, it will also provide industrial workforce training, such as welding and building construction technologies, including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and HVAC. These programs will be available to high school students through a dual enrollment agreement and to adults in our community.

Parts of our county have high levels of poverty. This is an opportunity to break the cycles of generational poverty and provide a pathway out of poverty for residents who have been unable to access workforce training programs. Job training will lead to employment in a job market searching for a skilled workforce and growth for local businesses as well as financial stability for families. The Board believes that this project is vital to the betterment of our community, local businesses, and our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter D. O'Bryan".

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman  
Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

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