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Dr. Kelly Martinez Semrad  
Orange County Commissioner, District 5  
201 South Rosalind Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Richard Crotty Parkway

Dear Commissioner Semrad,

The Richard Crotty Parkway was designed to provide additional east-west traffic capacity running parallel to Colonial Drive (SR-50) and University Boulevard. If Richard Crotty Parkway is fully completed as currently designed, it will have significant unintended negative consequences on Orange County's ability to attract and grow high value technology-based jobs.

The Central Florida Research Park is home to major Department of Defense activities involving research and acquisition of simulation and training systems. In addition there are over 120 technology-based companies in the research park and there is capacity to add more.

An Orange County traffic study previously documented that over 50% of traffic in the research park is cut-through traffic. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has identified the traffic congestion as a major concern to the Department of Defense activities located here.

As currently designed Richard Crotty Parkway will send significant increases in cut-through traffic through the already congested private roads in the Central Florida Research Park. The unintended consequence will be that the research park will not be a desired location for high-wage jobs in the future.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Wallace".

Joe Wallace  
Executive Director  
Central Florida Research Park  
Orange County Research and Development Authority