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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
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RE: Request to Amend Advisory Board Rules to Include Deployment as an Excused Absence

Dear Mayor and Fellow Commissioners,

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Climate Change Task Force to relay a concern regarding the County's policy for attendance requirements of Board/Task Force members as it applies to military service deployments. One of the members of the Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) was recently deployed in service to this country and had requested an excused absence. Unfortunately, county policy does not list deployment or related military service as an allowable activity for an excused absence. In the past, advisory board member deployment generally resulted in the member's resignation from their appointed board. This seems inconsistent with policies that require an employer to hold open the job of a deployed employee for the duration of their service.

At the August 19, 2010 meeting, the CCTF voted to have the Chair advise the Board of County Commissioners of this concern. With this letter, I am asking the Board to direct staff to review our present policy and propose an amendment to the County Commission to approve service to our country as an excused absence and adjust quorum as necessary to address an extended absence.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Jacobs".

Commissioner Kristin D. Jacobs
Chair, Climate Change Task Force