

March 6, 2008



The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
316 Senate Hart  
Washington, DC 20510

OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDENT

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of Indiana University, I am writing to ask for your support in advancing several university projects through the FY 2009 federal appropriations process. Your past support for IU initiatives has helped to create long-term opportunities for university faculty and students in fields as diverse as energy research and innovative cancer therapies. These and similar efforts have enhanced the reputation of Indiana University within the federal research enterprise.

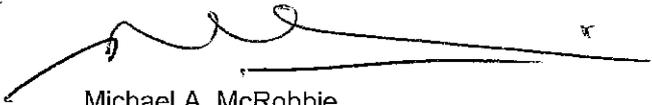
The IU projects submitted for your review include these highlights:

- Advanced LINAC Facility – a collaboration with Crane NSWC to develop a state-of-the-art accelerator at the IU Cyclotron Facility to support Crane's mission of testing electronics used in defense space and missile systems;
- The Indiana Complex Operations Partnership – a project with the Indiana National Guard that would enlist IU's leadership and expertise in critical language and culture training programs, as well as governance and rule of law, at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center for Complex Operations;
- The Indiana Innovation Incubator – a \$10 million construction project at the Bloomington campus to create a facility to nurture small businesses and help them thrive. The IU Board of Trustees has approved the use of university funds for the facility, but we are seeking approximately \$1 million in federal assistance for some of the high-tech equipment needs; and
- Continuation of a successful collaboration between officials at the Army Research Lab and faculty on the Indianapolis campus in renewable energy research.

Additional research requests include the Solar Proton Radiation Institute; a collaboration with Argonne National Laboratory in biofuels research; the Indiana Chinese Language Institute; development of a campus park-and-ride facility; expanding geologic mapping capabilities; and defense initiatives that would support warfighter cancer care engineering, expand the use of net-centric sensor grids at the Air Force Research Lab, and develop a system to monitor and detect impending failure in lithium-ion batteries used in military applications.

The IU Director of Federal Relations, Doug Wasitis, has submitted the required appropriations forms to your office, and we stand ready to respond to any questions you or your staff may have. Your consideration of the Indiana University agenda is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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