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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your years of advocacy and generosity towards the University of Saint Francis and the many other Universities in the State of Indiana. I would like to take this opportunity to present our fiscal year 2010 federal appropriations initiative and respectfully request your support.

Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service. The University, which was founded in 1890 in Lafayette, Indiana, offers programs at the Master's, Bachelor's and Associate degree levels. The University of Saint Francis has forged vital links to the surrounding Fort Wayne community since moving to the 70-acre Fort Wayne estate of industrialist John H. Bass in 1944.

Understanding the new appropriations environment, the University of Saint Francis has assembled a list of three high priority projects that will not only benefit our students but also the northeast Indiana community and workforce. Below, please find our requests listed in priority order:

- **Health Sciences Laboratory and Associated Equipment** - $139,800 from the FY2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, Health Resource Services Administration account, to assist in the final funding for the Health Sciences Laboratory on campus and to purchase scientific equipment needed to enhance the science curriculum.

- **University of Saint Francis Library Technology Upgrades** - $246,620 from the FY2010 Department of Education's Fund to Improve Post-Secondary Education to upgrade technology and related furnishing for the Lee and Jim Vann Library.

- **University of Saint Francis Crown Point Nursing Lab and Support Services** - $450,000 from the FY2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, Health Resource Services Administration account, to partially fund the University of Saint Francis Crown Point Nursing Lab and Support Services. This project will provide needed technological upgrades and improvements to the Nursing Laboratory.

Thank you again for your attention to our request and your leadership and support over the years. Please no not hesitate to contact me if you have any question or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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