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

Dear Senator Lugar:

Greetings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your years of advocacy and generosity towards the many Universities in the State of Indiana. The University of Saint Francis (USF), located in Fort Wayne, would like to take this opportunity to present our fiscal year 2009 federal appropriations priorities and respectfully request your assistance.

As you know, 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 in Washington, DC, USF has assembled a list of four high priority projects that will not only benefit USF students but also the Fort Wayne community and workforce of Northeast Indiana. Below, please find our requests listed in priority order:

1. The University of Saint Francis respectfully requests \$250,000 from the Save America's Treasurers account, through the Department of Interior, for the Bass Mansion Modernization Initiative.
2. The University of Saint Francis requests \$339,800 from the Health Resources Services Administration account, through the Department of Health and Human Services, for the construction and equipping of a cadaver laboratory.
3. The University of Saint Francis requests \$300,000 from the Economic Development Initiative account, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to assist in renovating auditorium space to current ADA standards and for the establishment of a permanent home for the Jesters program.
4. The University of Saint Francis requests \$250,000 from the Fund to Improve Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) account, through the Department of Education, to launch a Response to Intervention Resource Center.

The University of Saint Francis has a demonstrated track record of successful student placement in graduate school and the job market. Furthermore, we are proud to say that most of our graduates stay in the State of Indiana. Over 95 percent of USF nursing and allied health graduates are employed within six months of graduation. In the sciences, 100 percent of the environmental science students are employed in their area of interests, and 100 percent of the recent biology, chemistry and environmental science students interested in graduate school have been accepted with an academic fellowship.

Thank you for your attention to our requests and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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