



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

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

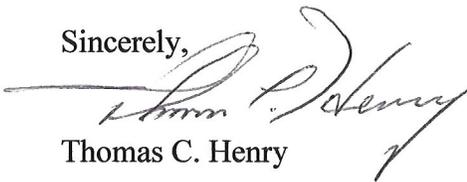
Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of the City of Fort Wayne, I respectfully submit for your consideration this request for a federal appropriation for an Latent Palm Print Automatic Fingerprint Identification System through the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act.

An Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Latent Palm Prints will be used by the Fort Wayne Police Department to enhance its ability to identify and apprehend criminal suspects within the community. This new equipment will allow the FWPD to increase its ability to apprehend criminals and reduce the amount of time officers must spend in investigating crime scenes, testifying in court, and filing police reports. Data has shown that by adding palm print identification capabilities to FWPD's current AFIS could result in immediate positive identification of criminal suspects in 25% of cases.

Senator, I am grateful for your past support and efforts on behalf of the Fort Wayne community, and I look forward to working with you and your staff on this important initiative this year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Henry

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