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

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your continued support and leadership on behalf of the University of Notre Dame, our programs, and students. I respectfully submit the University of Notre Dame's FY2010 legislative priorities for your review and consideration.

Understanding the new appropriations environment, Notre Dame has assembled a list of six high priority projects that will not only benefit Notre Dame students and the entire northern Indiana community and workforce but will also meet critical national interests – including programs benefiting our returning military personnel and addressing our nation's future energy needs. Below, please find our requests listed by legislation:

Energy & Water

- Nuclear Forensics and Actinide Research Initiative
- Advanced Technology for Electrical Energy Storage
- Laboratory for Enhanced Wind Turbine Design

Defense

- Depression and Mood Disorders
- Notre Dame Stimulation Based Reliability and Safety (SimBRS)

Labor-HHS-Education

- Reintegrating Military Couples and Their Families

We look forward to meeting with you and your staff to review these FY2010 initiatives and thank you for your continued support of the University of Notre Dame.

Best regards,

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