INDIANA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of Indiana University, I am writing to ask for your support in advancing several university projects through the FY 2010 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 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 $750,000 in federal assistance for some of the high-tech equipment needs; and
- A joint project between officials at the Army Research Lab and faculty on the Indianapolis campus in renewable energy research. The focus of this project is to develop reliable and lightweight sources of energy for use by soldiers in the field.

Additional requests include:

- A project to expand the use of net-centric sensor grids at the Air Force Research Lab;
- Continuation of a research effort with Crane, NSWC and Delphi Corporation in Kokomo to develop a system to monitor and detect impending failure in lithium-ion batteries used in military applications;
- An effort to explore the use of regenerative medicine to repair craniofacial blast injuries on the battlefield;
- A program to provide seed money to promising biomedical research ideas that expedite the delivery of outcomes into practice;

Indiana University's Director of Federal Relations, Doug Wasitis, has submitted the required appropriations forms to your office. 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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