

CITY OF TIPTON

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US Senator Richard Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1401

RE: Seeking State Tribal Assistance Funding for the City of Tipton Water Improvement Project

Dear Senator Richard Lugar:

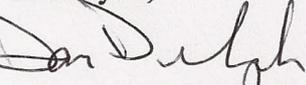
The City of Tipton is seeking your assistance to obtain an \$830,500.00 congressional appropriation from the State Tribal Assistance Grant Program to add crucial funding to complete the Big Cicero Creek storm water project.

The existing water treatment plant serving the citizens of Tipton, Indiana was constructed in 1954. Many of the current infrastructures at the water plant date to 1954 and are in serious need of upgrades and repairs (see attached photos). Improvements are needed to sustain the successful operation of the water works system and the continued and ongoing distribution of quality potable water to Tipton's customers. The funds will be used to pay for engineering fees and the construction/replacement of items including but not limited to: existing detention tanks, aerators, filter media, storage reservoir, SCADA improvements, 2500 feet of 8-inch water main (new construction) and replacement or refurbishment of other various valves, gauges, and meters required to provide potable water. The City of Tipton and Tipton County are currently experiencing severe economic conditions with an approximate 15% unemployment rate and a low-to-moderate income rating of approximately 56% (based on a 2009 Income Survey). Funding of the complete project through increased water rates could prove to be a hardship for the citizens of Tipton.

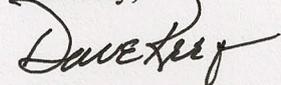
The total cost of the project is \$1, 510,000.00 and we currently have identified \$679,500.00 in project funding and need an additional \$830,500.00 from the State Tribal Assistance Grant to complete the financial aspect of this construction project.

We truly appreciate your time and effort to review and approve this project through congressional appropriation process for the City of Tipton Water Improvement Project.

Thank you,


Dan Delph, Mayor

Sincerely,


Dave Reep, Utility Manager