



February 24, 2009

Senator Richard Lugar
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of the Town of Fishers, Indiana, please accept this letter as a formal request to be considered for funding in the **FY'10 federal appropriations process**. It is the Town's desire to submit this letter to your office in order to secure consideration for our federal appropriations requests and to provide you with a concise description of the projects for which we are seeking federal assistance.

As you are well aware, the Town of Fishers has experienced tremendous residential and commercial growth in recent years. A key indicator of this growth is the population of the Town. Since 1990, our population has increased from 7,508 (1990 Decennial Census) to 65,382 (2007 Special Census)—an astounding increase of more than **770 percent!** Currently the Town estimates our population at 66,948 as of December 31, 2008. We need assistance in order to accommodate this growth and to continue to provide the extensive public services and amenities available to both citizens and visitors alike.

Due to this rapid population expansion and the accompanying demands placed upon the Town's existing infrastructure, we have identified three large scale projects which directly affect and benefit the health, welfare, safety, and economy of Fishers and the surrounding communities.

1. **I-69/Exit 10 Interchange Improvement Project** – As you know, I-69 runs directly through the Town of Fishers. In recent years, the area of the Town adjacent to the I-69/Exit 10 interchange has become a hot-bed of development due to current and proposed construction of several medical facilities in the area. Specifically, Community Health Network is currently constructing a new medical facility near the I-69/Exit 10 interchange. Clarian Health has also purchased large tracts of land and announced plans for the construction a major medical facilities in this area. Furthermore, St. Vincent has recently finished construction and opened a medical center which boasts of being the state's first and only freestanding emergency department. However, the current I-69/Exit 10 interchange configuration cannot accommodate the existing traffic levels,

not to mention the additional traffic flow that is projected for this Medical & Technology Park. While there are various segments to the project, the largest portion consists of: (i) widening the bridge over I-69 at the interchange from two to four lanes; (ii) adding two additional southbound lanes; and (iii) reconfiguring the southbound entrance and exit ramps. The state-of-the-art medical facilities constructed and being constructed near this interchange will provide jobs and first-class healthcare to residents of the Town, as well as to residents of the entire metropolitan area. It is essential that improvements be made to the interchange to accommodate this phenomenal development and growth. As with all traffic improvements, not only are the improvements essential for the commercial development, but more importantly for the safety and welfare of the Town's residents and those using the exit and traffic system at and near the I-69/Exit 10 interchange. *Accordingly, the Town of Fishers respectfully requests \$10,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 federal funding to complete the planning and construction of this project.*

2. **126th Street Reconstruction Project** – Because I-69 runs directly through the Town, transportation and traffic congestion problems have emerged as critical issues that must be managed in order for Fishers to be an economic engine for central Indiana. Although this has helped to bring tremendous growth to the Town, the growth along with the location of I-69 have proven to be impediments to sufficient east-west traffic flow through the Town. Accordingly, the Town is in the process of widening a six-mile portion of 126th Street that connects State Road 37 together with State Road 238. Upon completion, this portion of 126th Street will be widened from an existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with median, curb, and gutters. This six-mile portion of roadway is a major east-west arterial route which serves the Town, despite the fact that it was not designed to handle the traffic volume it endures on a daily basis. In light of the continued rapid expansion in the Town, this project is especially needed in order to: (i) connect the eastern and western portions of the Town and provide adequate east-west traffic flow; and (ii) provide safe and adequate ingress/egress to both of the Town's two high schools at opposite ends of the Project. *Accordingly, the Town of Fishers respectfully requests \$5,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 federal funding to complete the construction of this project.*

3. **Wastewater Infrastructure for Septic Replacements** – The Town of Fishers seeks to address the long-term public health issue associated with the potential leaching of septic fields into our groundwater supply through streams, detention ponds, and lakes. Some of the subdivisions targeted by this project have septic systems that are more than 30 years old, and are located in very close proximity to Geist Reservoir which is a major source of drinking water for the City of Indianapolis. In fact, three of the subdivisions have properties that are immediately adjacent to the Geist Reservoir water line, creating a particularly dangerous situation. Accordingly, the Town is working to transition 539 residents in 9 subdivisions, located within our Wastewater Treatment Service District, from existing septic tank systems to our municipal wastewater treatment system. The Town has secured engineering estimates to construct wastewater main infrastructure in 9 neighborhoods that would then become available for connections to the residents with septic systems. This wastewater main infrastructure would be constructed in a publicly owned sewer easement that would be shared by all of those residents connecting to the service. By transitioning customers in these subdivisions to the Town's wastewater treatment system, we will eliminate the risks posed by deteriorating septic systems and preserve the safety and integrity of the groundwater supply for the entire metropolitan area. This funding request would provide for 100 percent of the total cost of constructing the wastewater main

infrastructure. *Accordingly, the Town of Fishers respectfully requests \$10,100,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 federal funding to begin the construction of this project.*

Over the next few months, we look forward to showing you and your staff each of these projects so you can fully appreciate how important they are in addressing major transportation and continued economic development issues in Fishers. Finally, on behalf of the Town, I would like to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the Town and all of its residents for your past help and to acknowledge that we look forward to working with you and your staff in the current federal appropriations process. Thank you for your consideration and assistance with these critical infrastructure projects. We stand ready to assist you with additional information and data.

Sincerely,



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Town Council President

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