



February 27, 2009

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

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of The Mind Trust, Inc., I respectfully submit for your consideration this request for a federal appropriation for The Mind Trust's Education Entrepreneurship Fellowship through the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act.

The Mind Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving public education by making Indianapolis the nation's foremost destination for transformative leaders, organizations, talent, and ideas. The Mind Trust's Education Entrepreneur Fellowship was developed to provide ambitious, talented entrepreneurs with an opportunity to develop fresh ideas and launch initiatives to transform public education, particularly in underserved communities. The Fellowship is a "first of its kind" incubator for education entrepreneurs, providing the fellows with a full-time salary, benefits, office space, and customized training and support in order to turn a promising idea into a functioning educational venture. Fellowship ventures will target underserved or disadvantaged populations with solutions that attack the root problems in the delivery of public education.

Senator, we are extremely grateful for your past support of The Mind Trust, 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 feel free to contact me directly at 317-822-8102. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Harris
President and CEO