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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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The Honorable Richard Lugar  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

I write on behalf of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to respectfully ask that you submit a request to the Senate Appropriations Committee to fund our Rose-Hulman Ventures (RHV) Ivy Tech Collaboration

This funding would support a partnership between Rose-Hulman and Ivy Tech to integrate Ivy Tech students as an integral skilled technician component of RHV project teams. In this partnership, a Rose-Hulman Ventures project manager would define the overall objectives, requirements, and timeline for a project and Rose-Hulman faculty and students would develop designs for the relevant device, machine, software application etc. However, a joint RHV/Ivy Tech technical team would build and assemble prototypes and perform final testing on devices, with engineering and technical personnel working collaboratively to develop and refine the design. Having Rose-Hulman engineering and Ivy Tech technical students working side by side would provide unique educational benefits to each, as well as significant value to innovation-based companies. Notably, we believe that this collaboration would be truly unique, as we are not aware of any similar programs at other US higher education institutions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald S. Jakubowski".

Gerald S. Jakubowski, Ph.D.  
President