



February 27, 2009

Senator Richard G. Lugar
306 Senate Hart Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Lugar,

It is my pleasure to formally request funding for FY2010 for the SCHIPS Initiative and the Security Enhancement of the Pediatric Unit at Saint Anthony Memorial Health Centers, located in Michigan City, Indiana.

It is the healing ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis to provide comfort, security and quality healthcare to all the communities we serve. Our smallest citizens deserve the comfort of a dedicated health insurance plan, rather than the frequent use of the Emergency Department for routine care. They also deserve the security of a dedicated Pediatric unit, complete with HUGS Security on all exit doors.

I appreciate the opportunity to request funding for this vital program.

Sincerely,

James Callaghan, MD
President, Saint Anthony Memorial