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Senator Richard G. Lugar
306 Senate Hart Building
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RE: Angola Downtown Revitalization Request

Dear Senator Lugar,

As Mayor of the City of Angola I respectfully ask you to consider the request for the Angola Downtown Revitalization project. For over 35 years now we have been discussing revitalization efforts for our downtown and we are finally coming to a point where the discussion and dreams can become a reality.

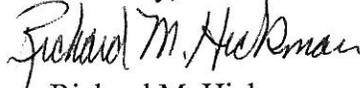
The Angola Downtown Revitalization Project will benefit our citizens and visitors in many ways. We are currently averaging 1 semi per minute through our downtown. While traffic through our downtown is essential for our businesses, that abundance of semis, along with their high rate of speed is not.

Currently we are requesting \$5,000,000.00 for the Angola Downtown Revitalization Project. Funds will be used to install raised medians, curbed planting beds and rebuild sidewalks. These features are designed to calm traffic by reducing speed, noise and vibration, define drive lanes and parking areas and create dedicated pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks.

We are finalizing an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to coordinate our downtown efforts with their scheduled resurfacing and reconstruction project that takes place in the same geographical location. As a result of this we expect to see a significant economic development impact to the Downtown, it would complete a vision for the Downtown that would avoid multiple construction periods and would tremendously increase pedestrian and automobile safety in the Downtown area.

I appreciate your consideration of this request as this will create an atmosphere whereby our building owners will have an opportunity to fill their buildings with new businesses, draw people to our downtown that will be safe and appealing and allow our business owners the opportunity to make the needed profits to keep their businesses open and people working.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Hickman
Mayor City of Angola