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

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of Delaware County, Indiana, I am requesting \$1,248,000 for road improvements for the intersection of Riggin Road and Walnut Street in Muncie.

The project will accomplish an intersection improvement at the junction of two major urban arterials serving through traffic and major traffic generators including the adjacent Airpark Industrial Centre and Delaware County Airport. This is currently a 4-way stop intersection with failing pavement. The traffic volumes have increased due, in part, to two prosperous businesses recruited to the Airpark in recent years. The intersection is also at the SE corner of an airport runway. The funds will be used to engineer and construct a new intersection with a round-about configuration that will improve traffic flow, decrease delays and improve the intersection's level of service (LOS). Additionally, since Delaware County is an air quality maintenance area, the project will reduce vehicular emission by reducing stops and idling times thereby contributing to air quality improvement in line with the federal Clean Air Act. The MPO has included it in its list of TIP projects.

Thank you for considering this request. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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