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May 15, 2009

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for the opportunity to write and describe a very important transit project to our community, respectfully submitted for your consideration for the FY10 Appropriations process.

The Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) has found that the replacement of transit buses that have reached the end of their service life significantly reduced maintenance costs, improves service delivery and reliability, decreases the potential for accidents and injury, and promotes a positive image and usage of the transit system. MITS is requesting \$2,200,000 in federal funds to purchase five new low floor, heavy duty hybrid diesel-electric buses. The low floor buses will provide easier accessibility for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, increase passenger safety, provide faster boarding and alighting times, improve air quality and conserve energy.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support for MITS' transit projects. If you need any further information about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry W. King
General Manager