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

Dear Senator Lugar:

As the United States Senate begins the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process, the City of Franklin respectfully submits for your consideration the Young's Creek Flood Mitigation Channel initiative.

As you are aware, on June 7, 2008, heavy rains caused severe flooding throughout Franklin, resulting in over \$180 million in damages to property according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center. On June 8 the city was designated as a disaster area (FEMA-1766-DR) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The floods caused the closure of businesses, disrupted the delivery of essential government services, destroyed residential dwellings, and stifled economic development. In addition to the devastating flood of 2008, the city regularly experiences flooding every 2 to 3 years that impacts multiple businesses and homes.

The requested Feasibility Study through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would examine the impact of a flood mitigation channel that would divert excess water around the city of Franklin during periods of heavy rainfall.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I greatly appreciate your support of the City of Franklin and I look forward to working with you and your dedicated staff this year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,