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The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your support and leadership on behalf of the University of Notre Dame on Capitol Hill. We look forward to continuing our work together on projects and programs that will advance economic development and innovation in the South Bend region and across the nation.

Understanding the new appropriations environment, Notre Dame has assembled a list of five high priority projects that will not only benefit Notre Dame students and the Indiana community and workforce but will also meet critical national interests – including programs aimed at nuclear nonproliferation, high performance engines, and enhancing the safety of the Army's tactical wheeled vehicle fleet. Attached, please find white papers to accompany each request.

Energy & Water

- **\$2,000,000 – Center for Nuclear Waste and Nonproliferation –
Department of Energy - National Nuclear Security Administration – Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation**
- **\$1,790,000 – Innovation Park at Notre Dame – Proof of Concept Center
Department of Energy – Office of Science**

Financial Services

- **\$300,000 – Accelerating Science through Entrepreneurship
Small Business Administration – Salaries and Expenses**

Defense

- **\$2,000,000 – Multi-Functional Armor Development for Integrated Survivability Suites – Light Tactical Vehicles -
Army, RDT&E – Tank Automotive Research Development & Engineering Center**
- **\$2,900,000 - Advanced Performance Aircraft Engine Laboratory - Air Force RDT&E - Office of Scientific Research**

We look forward to meeting with you and your staff to review these FY2011 initiatives and thank you for your continued support of the University of Notre Dame.

Best regards,

Dr. Robert Bernhard
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