



February 24, 2010

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

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am writing to request your assistance with including funding for Manchester College's FY 11 appropriations request for the School of Pharmacy in Fort Wayne. To that end, we would appreciate your consideration in placing Manchester College's School of Pharmacy as a priority on your funding request list to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

On February 3, I was pleased to meet with LeAnne Gibbs who is an excellent representative in your Washington office, to discuss Manchester's funding requests in detail and I provided her with a comprehensive prospectus with all the necessary information and excellent letters of support from the community.

As you know from being an honorary degree recipient of our College and from your numerous visits to Manchester College, we are a fully accredited, 501(c)3 private, nonprofit, faith-based liberal arts collage located in North Manchester, Indiana, and we offer approximately 55 areas of study to more than 1,500 students (86 percent of which are from Indiana). Approximately 96 percent of Manchester College graduates enter the workforce or continue their education full-time within six months of commencement. More than 86 percent of graduates pursue permanent careers in Indiana -- significantly adding to the Hoosier state's overall economy.

Manchester will launch a school of pharmacy to address the acute shortage of pharmacists in the region. Key aspects of the project include: 1) start up costs including: dean recruitment, leadership team recruitment, development of curriculum and clinical rotation sites, and student recruitment; 2) construction of new or renovations of existing facilities in Fort Wayne for classrooms, laboratories and offices; 3) hiring of 30-35 faculty and 15-20 administrative support staff; 4) enrollment of 150-300 full time students.

Our funding request is for a \$2,000,000 federal investment in the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) account in the FY11 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill. The total budget for this project is estimated at \$18,200,000, and Manchester is committed to raising \$16,200,000 for the completion of this important project.

I would appreciate your serious consideration in making this vital funding request a priority with the Senate Appropriations Committee. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Young Switzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jo Young Switzer
President