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

Dear Senator Lugar:

I'm writing to seek your support for important public transportation projects in the Bloomington community. I respectfully submit two projects described below for your consideration for the FY 2011 Transportation-HUD appropriations process.

We respectfully seek your support for the purchase of two (2) additional hybrid electric 35-foot buses in the Federal amount of \$960,000. Hybrid electric vehicles are more fuel efficient, less polluting, and quieter than standard diesel buses. The addition of two (2) hybrid electric vehicles will help us do our part to curb greenhouse gas emissions, lessen dependency on foreign oil, and make Bloomington a more livable and sustainable community. Thanks to your past support, Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation has already added six hybrid electric buses to the fleet over the period 2006-2009.

Secondly, we seek your support for the acquisition of four (4) replacement paratransit vehicles in the Federal amount of \$240,000. Recently we have taken operation of paratransit service in-house. We need to replace four (4) older vehicles to help reduce maintenance costs on older vehicles and provide our disabled citizens with new and modern vehicles.

Thank for your continued interest in and support for public transportation and specifically for Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. If you need any further information about these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lewis May
General Manager