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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Senate Hart Building
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RE: Angola Downtown Revitalization Request

Dear Senator Lugar,

As Mayor of the City of Angola I respectfully ask you to consider the funding request for the Angola Downtown Revitalization project. For over 35 years now we have been discussing revitalization efforts for our downtown. In 2005 we engaged our community stakeholders, citizens and visitors and began to shape our future downtown through a strategic planning effort that resulted in the Angola Downtown 20/20 Plan, our master plan for success.

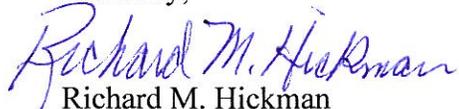
For the past 18 months we have developed and designed a context sensitive solution for our downtown that will calm the traffic created by the 1,600 semis that travel through the heart of our community each day. Funds will be used to install raised medians, curbed planting beds and to rebuild sidewalks. These features are designed to calm traffic by reducing speed, noise and vibration, define drive lanes and parking areas and create dedicated pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks.

Not only will the Angola Downtown Revitalization Project benefit our citizens and visitors by increasing the level of safety and accessibility it will generate and leverage an environment for reinvestment by creating a much-needed balance between pedestrians and motorists. The improved transportation design will also meet the needs for improved access to Trine University and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital- two of Steuben County's largest stakeholders.

Currently we are requesting \$3,950,125.00 for the Angola Downtown Revitalization Project.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and I am available to answer any of your questions at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Hickman
Mayor