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February 26, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for the opportunity to write and describe a very important transit project to our community, respectfully submitted for your consideration for the FY11 Appropriations process.

The Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) has found that the replacement of transit buses that have reached the end of their service life significantly reduces maintenance costs, improves service delivery and reliability, decreases the potential for accidents and injury, and promotes a positive image and usage of the transit system. MITS is requesting \$2,300,000 in federal funds to purchase five new low floor, heavy duty hybrid diesel-electric buses. The low floor buses will provide easier accessibility for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, increase passenger safety, provide faster boarding and alighting times, improve air quality and conserve energy.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support for MITS' transit projects. If you need any further information about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry W. King
General Manager

Muncie Indiana Transit System
2011 Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Request

<u>Project</u>	<u>Federal Share</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Purchase of 5 hybrid electric heavy-duty fixed route transit buses	<u>\$2,300,000</u>	<u>\$585,000</u>	<u>\$2,885,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,444,000	\$585,000	\$2,885,000

Bus Purchases: The Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) has found that the regularly scheduled replacement of transit buses that have reached their minimum normal service life significantly reduces maintenance costs, improves service delivery and reliability, decreases the potential for accidents and injury, and promotes a positive image and usage of the transit system. MITS has five 1998 heavy-duty



transit buses that exceed the Federal Transit Administration's defined minimum normal service life of 12 years and/or 500,000 miles. MITS' request for \$2,300,000 in federal funds is to purchase five (5) new low floor, heavy-duty hybrid diesel-electric transit buses at an estimated cost of \$575,000 per bus. The replacement buses will provide easier accessibility for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, increase passenger safety, provide faster boarding and alighting times, improve air quality, conserve energy and support important economic opportunity for Indiana industry. Additionally, the request will help Indiana's agricultural industry as MITS uses only soy biodiesel fuel in all its buses.

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