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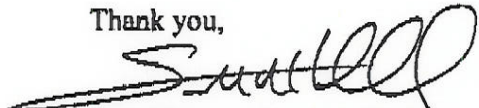
Senator Lugar

We are seeking funding which would be applied to create a seamless means, via software and hardware, of linking multiple law enforcement agencies within Wells County through records management, computer aided dispatch, mobile data terminals, and jail booking to allow for real time information sharing to enhance officer and public safety (inner-operability). These agencies include the Wells County Sheriff's Office, Bluffton Police Department, Bluffton 911 Dispatch Center and the Ossian Police Department.

Streamlining communications efforts, in real time, will allow for immediate response to crime, disasters, and other public safety issues. Sharing of data and information improves the efficiency of each departments efforts. The agencies involved in this effort either have no current system, or it is outdated. The project has been presented to city and county councils. All entities support it, but lack major funding. If funding can be found, we can move forward.

We have sent appropriations requests through Mike Pence's office as well as Senator Bayh's. We are in need of approximately 1,001,236.00 for initial set up of this project. All future operational costs associated with this project will be handled locally between agencies. We would appreciate your support in this project and I am requesting an appropriation request form from your office. I understand your deadline in on March 7, 2008, so your prompt response would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me in regards to questions you may have.

Thank you,



Chief Deputy Scott A. Holliday  
Wells County Sheriff's Office