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

Dear Senator Lugar,

We want to take a moment and thank you for your continued support of the Boone County highway projects, and respectfully ask for your consideration of the FY09 Boone County appropriations request for the 146th Street Extension project.

As you know, the Boone County Commissioners have embarked on a series of highway projects designed to improve the infrastructure connecting to upcoming economic development projects around the I-65/SR 267 interchange. This interchange serves as the connecting point for several major arteries in Boone County, including SR 267 (the Ronald Reagan Parkway), CR400 E (known as the Lebanon Bypass), the extension of SR 334, and CR 400S (also known as the 146th Street Extension).

Hamilton County first began working on the extension of the 146th Street corridor to provide a major east-west thoroughfare connecting to I-69, to provide for efficient and safe travel for commercial and passenger travel, without having to lose time by using I-465. Boone County decided to further provide for travel efficiencies by extending the corridor over to I-65, allowing for full east-west traffic movements between two interstates.

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Washington, DC 20510

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Anson, the industrial development located at the SR267/I-65 interchange, fully realized the potential that this corridor extension will provide to the companies that locate in Anson, and began construction of the first mile on the western end of the corridor adjacent to the I-65 interchange. That mile is now complete, and Boone County is working on the next adjacent mile and a half to the east of the completed portion, the subject of this funding request.


With the completion of the 146th Street extension project, residents, workers and through travelers will have much safer and quicker travels in central Indiana. This infrastructure has proven critical to the economic success of our area, as evidenced by the number of companies choosing to locate in proximity to the project. We hope that you will be able to help continue this important highway project.

Thank you for your consideration of this very critical project to west central Indiana.

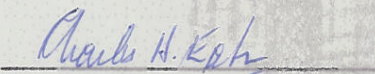
Sincerely,



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