

# BOARD OF DAVIESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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February 10, 2009

Senator Richard G. Lugar:

The Daviess County Commissioners are requesting your financial assistance for making improvements to a road in Daviess County known as the Odon/Cannelburg Road. This road is located in the heart of an Amish Community and is a 12 mile north/south stretch of road between Highway 50 and Highway 58.

This road has had on going safety issues for the past 40 years, but as the Amish industry development increased along this corridor, the mixture of traffic has changed dramatically. No longer is it just passenger vehicular automobiles mixed with the horse drawn vehicles but this road is utilized by 100's of semi trailers transporting raw materials to the industries and finished materials from the industries. The three larger industries account for over 150 million dollars in sales annually. In addition, there are over 200 building crews that leave this Amish community daily and the majority of the crews utilize this County Road. This has resulted in numerous vehicular and buggy accidents.

In addition to the industrial growth located on the Odon/Cannelburg Road this road is traveled heavily by busses and tourist vehicles. The Amish Community is one of the key areas for tourism. Another draw to this community is Dinky's Auction House. There are approximately 3,000 attendees per night, people come from all over the state as well as out-of-state to attend these weekly auctions. As County Officials we want to make every effort to maintain the rich Amish Heritage that is so much a part of Daviess County while we embrace economic development in this area. We feel to be able to accomplish these goals the Odon/Cannelburg Road must be rehabilitated to improve the safety for all types of vehicles traveling this road.

Although we strongly support Interstate 69 being built just 5 miles west of this county road, we are concerned that the expansion in the industrial base and tourism which this Interstate will create will add an additional burden for safety on the Odon/Cannelburg Road.

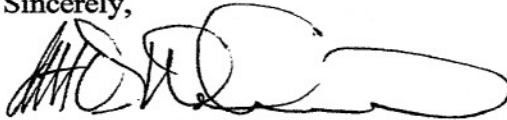
In November 2007 the Daviess County Economic Development Foundation paid for a study to be performed by an engineering firm to make recommendations on the improvements needed to make this 16 mile economic development corridor a safer route for all of those needing to utilize this corridor. The summary of that study is included with this letter.

In order for us to implement the road improvements needed to protect the property and lives of our citizenry, we are requesting an appropriation of funds that could be coupled with state and local dollars to build a safe, reliable and productive economic corridor from Highway 50 to Highway 58 via the Odon/Cannelburg Road.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you need additional information please feel free to contact any of the County Commissioners, the County Highway Supervisor, Larry McLin, the Daviess County Economic Development Director, Ron Arnold or the Project Coordinator for Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Judy Thomann.

We look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Wichman', written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Wichman, President, Daviess County Commissioners

February 16, 2009

Senator Richard G. Lugar  
306 Senate Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am writing in support of the appropriation request from the Daviess County Commissioners for CR 900 E. I am a Mennonite Business Owner. I am an owner of DC Metal Sales which is a large building material supplier, located just east of CR 900 E on US 50. I also own 30 acres of property just a few hundred yards east of CR 900 E on the southern quadrant near US 50. I have plans to develop an assisted living facility for the Amish community consisting of 76 units and a retail center consisting of small Amish shops. I believe this development would enable me to utilize the underutilized workforce of Amish women between the ages of 16-30. The estimated cost of this development would be approximately \$3,000,000.

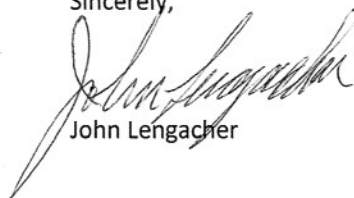
There are two primary reasons for my desire to do this development. The Amish population has difficulty getting to other facilities to visit family members that require this type of care due to the fact that they do not drive. I believe developing an assisted living facility within the Amish Community would allow them to travel by buggy to visit family members more frequently. The secondary reason that I have a desire to do this development is tourism. With the advent of the I-69/US 50 interchange being built 6 miles west, I believe the Amish shops would draw significant tourists.

My hesitation to continue with my plan to develop this property is based on the safety of the Amish people. I believe this development will significantly increase the buggy and vehicular traffic on CR 900 E. With the number of accidents that already occur on CR 900 E, I cannot in good conscience develop something that would exponentially increase vehicular traffic on this main roadway through this Amish community.

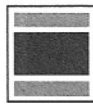
I know that the County Commissioners have a great desire to make the needed improvements to CR 900 E by creating buggy lanes but due to limited funds they are unable to do this without federal assistance. I am requesting that you give this appropriation request real consideration to help us to help ourselves.

If you have further questions concerning this support letter or my plans for development, please do not hesitate to contact me at 812-486-4299.

Sincerely,



John Lengacher



# OLD NATIONAL

February 12, 2009

Senator Richard Lugar

Dear Sir:

I am writing with regard to the Odon/Cannelburg Road. I personally travel that road on a weekly basis in relationship with my job. I further have several of the Amish customers in that area as clients. I would like to express my concerns and hopes for said road. The road is heavily traveled and very narrow. There are a lot of large trucks and trailers that travel the road on a daily basis. That, in itself, is a dangerous situation, but when you add the fact that the road is also heavily traveled by the Amsh in their buggies, it brings a much larger problem.

In that, there are so many different small businesses that connect with said road, I feel something should be done to help this situation. The road has several curves and inclines which makes it impossible to see a buggy until you are right on top of them.

I would appreciate anything you may be able to do, to alleviate this problem.

Sincerely,



Kathy Havill

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**February 6, 2009**

**Senator Lugar**  
**101 NW Martin Luther King Boulevard**  
**Room 122**  
**Evansville, IN 47708**

**RE: Odon/Cannelburg Road Improvements**

**Dear Sir:**

**I would like to ask for your support in regard to the funding of the needed improvements to the Odon/Cannelburg road. This road is a major asset to our community. As a CPA by profession I understand the importance of the small businesses in our community. This road is vital for a large number of these businesses.**

**Thank you for your attention on this subject.**

**Sincerely,**



**Anthony R. Showalter, CPA**

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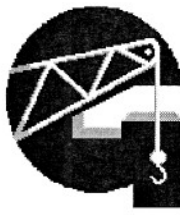
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Senator Lugar  
101 NW Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Room 122  
Evansville, IN 47708

RE: Daviess County Amish/Industry Road

Dear Senator Lugar,

Here in Daviess County we have a county road that connects Cannelburg, IN/US Hwy50 with Odon, IN / IN Hwy 58. This small 2-lane road goes through the heart of Southern Indiana Amish country and has developed a tremendous business base for the county & the state. The commercial traffic on this road is tremendous and the Amish horse & buggy traffic is also heavy. It is not uncommon to have large tractor trailers passing horse & buggies at high rates of speed. There are a few blind hills and a few blind curves that make this a very dangerous road.

It is my contention that this road needs to be improved greatly to insure public safety and encourage further commercial growth along this corridor. The road needs widened to have distinct north and south bound lanes and most importantly needs a buggy lane.

My fear is not that this improvement won't get done but that it will take several of high profile tragedies to get government action. I hope this is not the case.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Tony Graber, Pres.  
Graber Construction & Crane Service

February 5, 2009

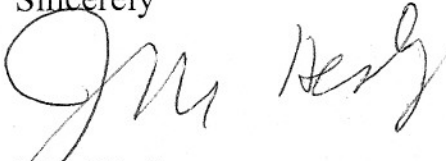
Dear Senator Lugar:

I am writing this letter in support for upgrading of County Road 900 N in Daviess County (Odon/Cannelburg Road).

This road is a vital north south link in Daviess County as well as the main road into our Amish community and all their related businesses and tourist stops.

As a ready mix concrete producer, we use this road many times on a daily basis and anything that would enhance its safety and drivability for our trucks would be most welcome.

Sincerely



J.M. Healy  
Chief Financial Officer

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# HORIZON

## Converting

February 12, 2009

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
The United States Senate  
101 NW Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Room 122  
Evansville, IN 47708

Dear Senator Lugar,

I am writing to voice my support for upgrading and improving the main road from Odon to Cannelburg in Daviess County. This road is heavily traveled and shared by buggy traffic, motorized cars and commercial truck traffic. As a former owner of a major business in Odon and a current owner of a rapidly growing business in Washington, the safety of all people using the roads in Daviess County is very important to me. And I know it is very important to you also. I encourage your participation and support in helping us make the Odon to Cannelburg thoroughfare a safe road for all people to use. Thank you very much.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Huff  
President  
Horizon Converting