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October 26, 2011

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I understand that the City of Westfield, Indiana is seeking Federal funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery [TIGER] Grant program for transportation construction associated with the Grand Park Economic Development District (GPEDD). On behalf of my constituents I respectfully ask the Department of Transportation to give the City of Westfield's application all due consideration.

The proposed Grand Park Economic Development District (GPEDD) Project is a mixed use economic development project consisting of dining, retail and entertainment venues anchored by a 350-acre sports campus. The campus will feature a full-range of championship-level outdoor facilities for baseball, softball and field sports. An indoor facility will also cater to sports during the winter, and will accommodate events during the off-peak season, such as lacrosse tournaments. The City of Westfield is requesting Federal funds for the construction of multi-use paths - continuing the renowned Monon Trail - road segments, trail heads and facilities, and the infrastructure for an innovative Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system to move people to and from the Grand Park Sports Campus. I understand that the City of Westfield is committed to funding 50% of the overall project (roughly $14 Million) from non-Federal sources.

Major metropolitan areas like Baltimore and Washington, DC, have successfully used sports stadiums to spur economic growth in underperforming neighborhoods. Emulating this concept, the City of Westfield hopes the ability to host a wide range of athletic competitions, local, regional and national sports tournaments, and community sporting events will similarly help enhance local and regional economic growth. I know of no reason why this strategy of economic development will be any less successful for Westfield than it has been for other Cities that have tried it. Consequently, I respectfully ask that you to give due consideration to this request, consistent with applicable rules and regulations and relevant statutes.

If there is any way my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact David Burian, who serves as my grant coordinator. He can be reached at 317-848-0201. Thank you for your efforts and attention on behalf of this request.

OFFICIAL COPY SIGNED,

Sincerely,

Dan Burton

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Member of Congress

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October 20, 2011

United States Congressman Dan Burton
United States Congress
2308 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burton,

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Westfield, Indiana has officially applied for the Department of Transportation (DOT) 2011 TIGER Grant. Our application was submitted to the DOT on October 3, 2011.

As you know, the City of Westfield is in the midst of growing and changing and we are thrilled with the many opportunities on the horizon. One of those opportunities is the Major Moves US 31 Construction Project, which will run directly through the middle of our great city. When completed, it's sure to be an economic development driver. However, construction, which has already begun, will impede on local businesses and has already resulted in a loss of business for our community.

If awarded the DOT's Tiger Grant, the City of Westfield plans to construct a road which will run parallel to US 31 to help mitigate traffic issues resulting from construction. This road will also help with the relocation of some existing businesses losing their properties for the construction. Economic development is our top priority here in Westfield and funds obtained through the grant can help to enhance our city, ultimately retaining businesses while also attracting new companies.

It is our hope that you will support our efforts to obtain the TIGER Grant. We would appreciate anything you can do to help with our application during this process. As always, we are extremely thankful for your continued support for our community.

Sincerely,

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