

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Don Lehe
House of Representatives
Indiana General Assembly
The State House
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Rep. Lehe:

Congratulations on your forward-looking initiative to facilitate the use of more renewable energy resources to generate electricity in Indiana.

We strongly believe that Indiana's economic future is based on the aggressive pursuit and development of new and clean energy resources, and especially those resources that can be grown and generated in our state.

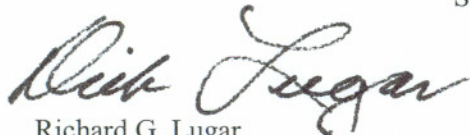
The development of these Hoosier energy resources is also a national security priority. America's dependence on foreign oil threatens our living standards, increases the risk of war in the most unstable parts of the world, and accelerates environmental degradation.

In Congress, we have been working to enhance U.S. economic and national security by promoting new energy resources, especially the production and distribution of cellulosic ethanol. Indiana's historic prowess in engineering and manufacturing can lead the way in creating the next generation in transportation and power generation technologies.

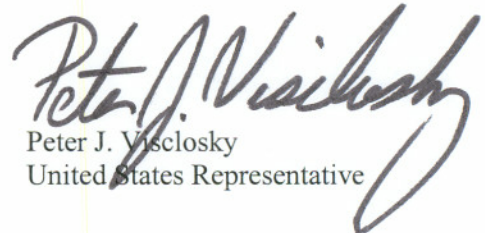
Indiana has tremendous economic opportunities based on the growing, refining, distribution and use of biofuels, and the development of hybrid technologies. We can also become the leader in the development of renewable electrical energy resources, like biomass and wind. Creating more effective and affordable clean coal technologies that are carbon neutral should also be a goal for Indiana's future.

We strongly support your vision as embraced in House Bill 1379, and we look forward to working with you, the General Assembly, and the Governor's office in energizing Indiana with clean, renewable and domestic fuels and resources.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator



Peter J. Visclosky
United States Representative