United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1401

July 23, 2002

N. Clay Robbins
President
Lilly Endowment Inc.
2801 North Meridian Street
P.O. Box 88068
Indianapolis, IN 46208-0068

Dear Mr. Robbins:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write in support of Indiana State University’s proposal to the Lilly Endowment for the creation of NetWorks, an initiative dedicated to providing new directions in financial services for Indiana and the nation.

The NetWorks initiative seeks to attract the attention and participation of the best minds in the financial services field, from academia, government, and industry to create a new and integrated source for resource, education, and development in the financial resources field.

In building this partnership, Indiana will have the opportunity to claim a new role in the financial services industry. The initiative also will create opportunities for students, faculty, and the citizens of Indiana to benefit from and educate themselves about the financial services industry.

The financial services industry represents an important facet of Indiana’s economy, and it will assume an even more prominent role as the industry continues to grow and develop. Your consideration of the NetWorks initiative is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate

RGL:gcg
Cc: Gregory J. Goode, Indiana State