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Mayor

Re: Support of Casino Legislation

Dear Legislator,

First and foremost, thank you for your work on behalf of Indiana. As citizens of West Central Indiana who are invested in its future, we follow the work of the Indiana General Assembly and understand the tough decisions you must make during every session.

As leaders in the Vigo County community, we would like to express our strong support for legislation which advances the development of a casino in Vigo County. This is a unique opportunity for our region to enjoy the significant investment, tourism, tax and employment benefits that gaming has delivered to other regions of the state. Additionally, our position as a border city along a major interstate makes it an ideal location for the State to nurture new economic development and growth for West Central Indiana.

The economic development and tax revenues that gaming has brought to other communities throughout Indiana is something which would be particularly beneficial to the citizens of West Central Indiana. From developing new infrastructure to promoting quality of life and supporting public education, it draws visitors from outside the region, giving communities the ability to grow, thrive and compete.

And we are not alone in our support of bringing a casino to Vigo County. On the website terrehauteisallin.com there is a list of over 200 business leaders and individuals from the community who have also pledged their strong support of bringing a casino to West Central Indiana.

Therefore, we encourage the Indiana General Assembly and Governor Eric Holcomb to thoughtfully and expeditiously consider proposals with the knowledge that it has our strong and unequivocal support.

Sincerely,

Mayor Duke Bennett
City of Terre Haute