



August 10, 2010

Mr. Robert Sawyer
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Chicago Regional Office
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Chicago, IL 60606-7204

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

As Congressman from the Second District of Indiana, I am interested in maximizing the potential of our rural areas. Fulton County is poised for growth and economic development but lacks the infrastructure to support that growth. For this reason, I support the application for Economic Adjustment Assistance under the Second Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Opportunity.

The city of Rochester is the largest community in Fulton County. It is adjacent to US 31, a highway that is currently undergoing major improvements, that links Indianapolis to South Bend. As such, it will attract industry and residential growth, but a new lift station and sewer lines are needed to connect county land with the Rochester sewer lines. The available properties will then be ready for development and more attractive to potential industrial expansion. In addition, current industries will also benefit from the improved infrastructure.

The 4th Street project will positively impact the economy and quality of life in Fulton County. I respectfully request that you grant every consideration consistent with U.S. law and public policy to the Fulton County application. I would appreciate being informed when a decision about the recipients of this grant is announced. Inquiries can be sent to my Grants Director at elizabeth.barrett@mail.house.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Congressman Joe Donnelly