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Larry L. Rose
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Lafayette, Indiana

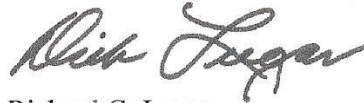
Dear Mr. Rose:

I was delighted to hear of Tree Lafayette's commitment to providing a healthy environment that supports a higher, more sustainable quality of life. This important demonstration of local leadership may help spur other citizens and communities to undertake projects that protect the environment and invest in their local community.

As a forester myself, I was particularly delighted to learn that Tree Lafayette has planted over 1,000 trees since 1994. These trees will help make the community more beautiful and be a valuable source of carbon sequestration. The hardwood trees I have planted on my farm sequestered about 600 tons of carbon dioxide last year, and I have listed these gains as carbon credits on the Chicago Climate Exchange.

Congratulations on planting these trees and encouraging your community to take part in this valuable public service. I look forward to more good news about Tree Lafayette's leadership.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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