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Mayor Eddie Melton
Office of the Mayor, City of Gary
401 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46402

RE: Letter of Support – City of Gary & Hard Rock Northern Indiana Proposal for Lake County Convention Center

Dear Mayor Melton,

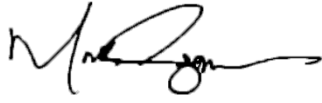
As the duly elected State Senator representing District 3, I write to express my unequivocal support for the proposal submitted by the City of Gary and Hard Rock Northern Indiana in response to the RFP/RFQ issued by the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the future Lake County Convention Center.

The selection of the City of Gary as the site for this convention center is not only a prudent economic decision but also a necessary investment in the future growth and sustainability of Lake County as a whole. Gary's strategic geographic location, infrastructure capacity, and established partnership with Hard Rock Northern Indiana present the most viable path to ensuring the success of this development.

Throughout my tenure in public service, I have consistently advocated for economic revitalization, job creation, and responsible investment in Northwest Indiana. The proposal put forth by the City of Gary aligns with these principles, offering a well-structured, sustainable, and forward-thinking approach that will stimulate economic activity, create employment opportunities, and strengthen regional collaboration.

While I acknowledge that multiple municipalities have put forth competitive proposals, it remains my firm belief—one I publicly affirmed throughout my campaign—that Gary is the optimal location for this convention center. This decision is about more than any one city; it is about ensuring the most effective use of resources, maximizing economic impact, and positioning Lake County for long-term success.

I respectfully urge the Lake County Board of Commissioners to give full and fair consideration to the proposal by the City of Gary and Hard Rock Northern Indiana. Should the Board require additional insight, I remain available for further discussion.

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Mark Spencer
Indiana State Senator
Senate District 3