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

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

Dear Mayor Melton:

On behalf of myself, as a Member of Gary Material Supply, LLC, and our entire organization, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the proposal submitted by the City of Gary (the “City”) and Hard Rock Northern Indiana (“Hard Rock”) in response to the RFP/RFQ issued by the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the development of a Lake County Convention Center (the “Proposal”).

Gary Material Supply strongly supports this Proposal, as we believe the City of Gary is the ideal location for a Lake County Convention Center that will serve and benefit the entire region. The well-established partnership between the City and Hard Rock provides a strong foundation for the successful development and long-term operation of this project. This Proposal presents the best opportunity to create a well-managed convention center that will drive economic growth, attract visitors, and generate valuable business and employment opportunities for Lake County residents, businesses, and organizations like ours.

As a locally based business, Gary Material Supply has long been committed to supporting the economic growth and revitalization of the City of Gary. We recognize the substantial impact this project will have on the community, bringing increased tourism, expanding job opportunities, and fostering business growth across multiple industries, including hospitality, construction, and local services.

The City of Gary is uniquely positioned to host the Lake County Convention Center due to its strategic location, established transportation infrastructure, and strong business partnerships. A convention center in Gary would leverage the city’s accessibility while serving as a catalyst for further commercial development in the region. As a business operating in Gary, we are confident this project will contribute to the city’s ongoing revitalization and provide lasting benefits for both businesses and residents.

By supporting this Proposal, we believe the City and Hard Rock will establish a major economic driver that strengthens local businesses and enhances the broader Lake County economy. We encourage the Board of Commissioners to give serious consideration to this Proposal, recognizing the substantial benefits it offers to the region. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our support.

Sincerely,

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