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### What Indiana Means to Me

“Round my Indiana homesteads wave the cornfields in the distance, loom the woodlands clear and cool.” That’s part of Indiana’s state song “On the banks of the Wabash, Faraway.” Woodlands and cornfields paint a beautiful picture of my state, but there is more to Indiana than what one can see. The three things I love about my state are the traditions, the landscapes, and of course, the opportunities Indiana gives my family and me.

One thing that just makes me love my home is the opportunities. The jobs and education Indiana gives my family and me hope that soon I’ll become what I always wanted to be, an environmental scientist. If I go to Purdue it’d help me by bringing me closer to my dreams. Indiana provides the most important opportunities that soon will lead up to me accomplishing my dreams. I think soon that if Indiana keeps giving me all these opportunities I’ll become even better than I am today.

Besides the opportunities there are the landscapes of Indiana. First, glaciers were a big part of Indiana’s formation, making our northern part of our state very flat. The most beautiful thing about Indiana to me is the seasons. For example summer where you go swimming at the beach with hot sand between your toes while bathing on a beach towel. Next after summer is autumn where crisp parched leaves fall from trees as they change colors from green to red,

orange, and brown. Then comes winter where you make snowmen and drink hot chocolate with mini marshmallows to make it taste even better. Finally comes spring where rain finally begins to show and where beautiful flowers bloom out from their long rest. The seasons in Indiana are beautiful to watch as they change; the seasons are like watching a circle of beauty.

Last are Indiana's traditions, like the State fair, 4th of July fireworks downtown, or the Indianapolis Zoo. When I go to the State fair, we go on the amazing roller coasters, and eat the best food. Also since I live in Indianapolis, the state capital, I can easily go to Indianapolis Zoo, where I can see tons of animals and exciting things. Now this is my favorite, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks downtown. It has been my first year going downtown for fireworks. The fireworks downtown were colorful with 4 different shades of pink, green, purple -- any color you name it! The traditions in Indiana are amazing.

No matter if it's going downtown to see fireworks or going to a zoo or having good education Indiana is my home.