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December 5, 2008

Distressed Unit Appeals Board  
c/o Office of Management and Budget  
200 West Washington Street, Room 212  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: City of Gary and Included Taxing Units  
Distressing Unit Filing for 2009

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed are two copies and a disk with the electronic files of the City of Gary, Gary Chicago International Airport Authority, Gary Public Transportation Corporation, Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District (the "Petitioners") and ("Taxing Units") Distressed Unit appeal filing and financial plan for 2009 through 2012 pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-20.3-6.. Included in the distress unit appeal filing are the following items:

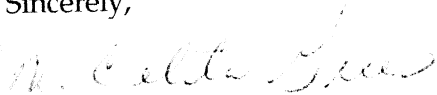
- Petitions to the Distressed Unit Appeals Board on behalf of the Petitioners.
- Resolutions authorizing appeal to the Board on behalf of the Petitioners.
- Financial Plan
  - City of Gary Powerpoint Presentation
  - City of Gary Proposed Levy Reductions
- Proforma Budget Forms 1, 2 and 4B for the years ending 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012
- Form 4B Summaries for 2009 through 2012 for each Taxing Unit.
- Schedule of estimated impact on raising the circuit breaker caps (or percentage reductions to the Circuit Breaker credits) for the Petitioners. (Policy Analytics, LLC)
- Schedule of estimated circuit breaker caps (2008 HEA 1001) before granting any relief from the Circuit Breaker credits as prepared by Policy Analytics, LLC.

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The Petitioners respectfully request relief from the Circuit Breaker credit for 2009 through 2012, the period which the Taxing Units are requesting relief pursuant to our financial plan. An integral component of the financial plan is for Lake County to adopt a Local Option Income Tax ("LOIT") at 1% in 2012. If such LOIT is not adopted by Lake County or mandated by the General Assembly, the Petitioner doesn't believe it will be able to provide necessary public services without such LOIT revenue and would require further cuts in public safety and services than already anticipated in the financial plan for 2012 and years thereafter. The Petitioners also request the Board to provide legislative support to require Lake County to adopt a 1% LOIT.

We appreciate your consideration of our Distressed Unit Filing and relief from the Circuit Breaker credits for 2009 through 2012. If you should have any questions, please call me at (219) 881-5240.

Sincerely,



M. Celita Green, City Controller

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Rudolph Clay  
Ms. Geraldine Tousant, Deputy Mayor  
Ms. Arlene Colvin, Chief of Staff  
City of Gary Common Council Members  
Mr. Chris Curry, Gary Chicago Int'l Airport Authority Director  
Ms. Nikki Thorn, Gary/Chicago Int'l Airport Authority Finance Manager  
Ms. Daryl Lampkins, GPTC General Manager  
Mr. Dave Jenkins, GPTC Finance Manager  
Ms. Luci Horton, GSD & GSWMD, Director  
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Mr. William J. Sheldrake, Policy Analytics, LCC  
Mr. Karl Cender, Cender & Company, LLC