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Dr. Thomas Kazee
President
University of Evansville
1800 Lincoln Avenue
Evansville, IN 47714

Dear Dr. Kazee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana (CCSWIN) is committed to serving our region by promoting and protecting business. We work closely with business, education and industry leaders to address education, training, and business growth needs. Therefore, we are pleased to write this letter of support for the University of Evansville's proposal to Lilly Endowment, Inc. in response to the *Initiative to Promote Opportunities through Education Collaboration* funding.

One of The Chamber's strategic goal areas is to focus on workforce development with a key objective to facilitate connections with educators and employers. We believe aligning quality interns with employer needs is a win-win for everyone. It provides a great opportunity for students to gain "real world" experience and for employers to recruit top quality college students that will generate fresh ideas and help keep businesses in southwest Indiana on the cutting edge.

The Chamber looks forward to partnering with the University of Evansville as we work together to help Southwest Indiana grow.

Sincerely,

Christy Gillenwater
President & CEO

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