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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE!**

As we see the opposition grow for the Illiana Expressway, I would like to bring a recommendation, which I have presented over the past year to several groups. My proposal is to extend the Chicago Outer Drive through Lake County all the way to the Port of Indiana. When you weigh the benefits of the Illiana Expressway versus the benefits extension of Outer Drive from Chicago to the Port of Indiana there is no comparison.

The Steel Mills set the biggest growth investment in the history of Lake County I believe extending the Outer Drive from Chicago to Lake County would bring the biggest improvement in the quality of life to every citizen of Lake County since the steel mills.

- Northwest Indiana Building Trades, thousands of jobs for our skilled union workers.
- Professional positions, thousands of jobs.
- Hospital expansions, again, professional job opportunities.
- Colleges, thousands of new students for trades and professional positions.
- Population explosion for all cities bordering the Lake Shore Drive.
- Tax relief by as much as 50%, if all areas of proposal completed.
- Corporate offices and Condominiums in Skyscrapers.
- Opportunities for our Gary Regional Airport to meet its goal of a true regional airport.
- We could and would be the envy of all of the Midwest as we rebuild our future here in Northwest Indiana. The "Region" would be a positive influence on the rest of the state.