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To
Honorable Indiana Senators
And State Representatives

Current Welfare for Lake County is \$106,000,000.00 annually. This most definitely is a property - tax liability that has Lake County at a tremendous disadvantage in seeking new businesses and new home ownerships. This has to be a national financed program, currently county by county financed by property taxes, totally illegal according to our national constitution.

The Illiana Expressway is meeting with tremendous negative resistance. I have proposed to bring the Outer Drive from Chicago through Lake County. This would be the best thing for Lake County as a whole.

We could develop the beach area to duplicate Chicago beaches comprising walking, jogging and bicycling trails. Six lane drive (3 east and 3 west) and skyscrapers on the south side of drive would bring corporations and condos to this area.

Gary's population would probably double. Taxes would most definitely decrease by as much as 50% to 60%, and if Welfare was taken back by the Federal Government property taxes could decrease by 70% in North Lake County and 25% in the rest of the county.

This as I see it, would be the most dramatic and positive undergoing since the Steel Mills came to Lake County. We are talking about several thousand jobs in building the drive and beach area for our local skilled union work force, which is the best in the country.