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Dear Mayor Strazdas,

Do you love Portage as much as I do? Well you probably do because you're the Mayor. My experience in Portage has been phenomenal. All because of the people who run our community. I was born in Fort Wayne, IN but I moved here when I was 2 years old. Ever since then I fell in love with Portage. Portage has such a great variety of fun things for children and adults to do. Sports, food, schools and entertainment are huge parts in our community. We have an awesome scenery, great places to eat and wonderful schools!

We have a lot of sports clubs in portage like Portage Lighting, Dead Frog and Portage Hoops. Those are some pretty intense clubs. Sports have healthy benefits to our bodies. You can get strong legs from running a lot you can also get strong legs from biking a lot too. Sports are fun and everyone should try a few sports. If you don't like sports try doing something like playing outside with your friends. Sports don't have to be intense for you to like them. You should always get 30 minutes outside daily your body needs fresh air to breathe and physical activity to keep you healthy.

Our community has definitely changed over the years. I love it when people interact with each other and become friends. Don't you love it when our city has friendly neighborhoods? I do, my neighborhood has get together parties in the fall and sometimes in the summer. The adults make friends with other new neighbors and kids have fun times playing with each other in our neighborhood. Our community has such low crime rates. That is one of the best reasons why I LOVE Portage.

There are so many reasons why I love Portage, my favorite reason is how we have beautiful scenery. In the summer I love looking at the moon light at night and in the morning I love looking at the pretty sky. I love how the roads are kept clean ( most of the time). My mom probably loves how the roads are kept clean too. I like how we have lots of trees. I like how we are know as the " Tree City" that makes me happy when someone cuts down a tree someone replants one somewhere. I also like how we have amazing lakes that we can go to in the summer. My personal favorite is Romana Park. I don't know about you but I LOVE to be clean. That is why I am proud to say that we have a clean and safe environment.

Those are my reasons why I LOVE Portage. I have a lot more but I don't have enough time to share them with you. Who wouldn't love Portage. If someone had to move somewhere I would choose Portage if I were them. I appreciate all your hard work you've done for me and our city.

All The Best,

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