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To Whom It May Concern:

Indiana University Health recognizes the need for responsible environmental practices both on our health system campuses, as well as throughout our community. Our organization is pleased to support the recently announced all-electric vehicle (EV) car sharing program coming to Indianapolis in 2014, as we see the service as a great opportunity to address our community’s sustainability and transportation needs.

IU Health employs over 36,000 team members across the state of Indiana. In downtown Indianapolis alone, we employ 12,000 staff and serve over one million patients annually. These constituencies come from a variety of demographic groups with varying levels of means. Providing a new transportation option for team members, patients and their families increases our community’s access to the continuum of healthcare services often needed by Hoosiers.

Given the number of campuses at which we provide healthcare services, it’s important for our patients and staff to be able to travel between sites in order to receive their high quality care. Additionally, due to our partnership with the Indiana University School of Medicine, we have hundreds of faculty and students on site regularly with similar transportation needs.

The EV car sharing program will be a major convenience for those visiting our healthcare sites – particularly those with limited means of transportation – to ensure they receive quality healthcare without concern for how they will arrive here. IU Health already uses a small fleet of electronic vehicles to support our Pathology Laboratory’s delivery needs and we recognize the impact it has on the environment.

More than a convenience, putting more electric vehicles on the roads of Indianapolis also will contribute to the health of our community by limiting tailpipe emissions that reduce our air quality.

IU Health is committed to supporting a healthy environment in our community, as well as easing access to our sites of care, and therefore lend our support to the EV car sharing program’s implementation in our city next year.

Regards,

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