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To Whom It May Concern:

Ivy Tech Community College, the state’s largest institution of higher education, is constantly seeking ways to better serve our students and faculty while on – or traveling among – our campuses. In addition to providing a quality education for our students, we also take into consideration the more comprehensive, overall experience of faculty and students while on campus. That includes easier access to our campuses and faculty, as well as a cleaner, healthier environment in which to learn. 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.

Ivy Tech employs nearly 10,000 faculty and enrolls nearly 200,000 students a year at nearly 75 different campuses and learning sites across the state of Indiana. In downtown Indianapolis alone, we employ over 2,000 faculty and have over 25,000 students currently enrolled. These constituencies come from a variety of demographic groups with varying levels of means. Providing a new transportation option for employees, faculty and staff increases our community’s access to educational services that are so greatly needed.

Given the number of campuses we operate across the city and state, it’s important for our students and faculty to be able to travel between sites. Without a reliable source of transportation – particularly for students who live in the downtown area – an EV car sharing program will be a significant and affordable convenience for our visitors.

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

Ivy Tech is committed to supporting a healthy environment in our community as well as easing access to our educational services, and therefore lend our support to the EV car sharing program’s implementation in our city next year.

Best regards,

Thomas J. Snyder