Our transportation status is on a crash course with the climate, the public's health (tailpipe pollution, asthma, respiratory ailments and cardiac disease, and more). Our health systems are working to reduce their carbon footprints of our hospitals, fleet vehicles,

and employee commutes, but we need the support of strong policies to drive systematic progress. We appreciate the work being done by participating states to create a regional policy to rapidly reduce transportation emissions to protect the health of the communities we serve.

Funds raised by the program should be invested in ways that protect health, advance health

equity, and support health care climate resilience. As our hospitals advance clean

transportation goals, our patients and communities would greatly benefit from TCI being implemented regionally.

It is critical that as states consider how to invest the proceeds from this program, frontline and low-income communities should be prioritized to benefit from those investments given the historical health burden they have experienced from pollution. We urgently need a bold regional vision, TCI Now.

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