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Mission

The mission of Tobacco Free Blue is to advocate for Indiana State University's creation of a comprehensive tobacco-free policy to promote the health and well-being of the campus community and environment.

To Whom It May Concern:

Tobacco Free Blue is a student-led organization at Indiana State University dedicated to reducing tobacco use, second-hand smoke exposure, and cigarette litter on our campus. Specifically, Tobacco Free Blue is advocating for a comprehensive tobacco-free policy at ISU which would prohibit the use of all forms of tobacco and e-cigarettes anywhere on campus property. To that end, Tobacco Free Blue has found support among students, faculty, and staff, having collected nearly 2,000 signatures of support.

A campus-wide survey conducted in the spring of 2016 revealed that nearly two-thirds of the campus population, across multiple sectors, would support a comprehensive tobacco-free policy. Further, approximately two-thirds of respondents reported that they are exposed to second-hand smoke on campus on a daily basis. An overwhelming majority of respondents agreed that it is the university's right to enact a comprehensive tobacco-free policy in the interest of the entire campus community.

We are asking you to consider writing a letter of support directed to decision-makers on campus which include the Student Government Association, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, President Curtis, and the Board of Trustees. Ultimately, it will take support from these executive bodies to initiate change. If you believe a comprehensive tobacco-free policy is in the best interest of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at ISU, we respectfully request that you forward your letter of support to us no later than *Friday, April 6, 2018*. Hard copies may be mailed to the included address, and electronic copies may be sent to the email address provided below. Enclosed is a fact sheet explaining the need for a policy change as well as a summary of campus survey results. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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