Dear Fellow Mayors:

We are excited to announce that Earth Charter Indiana, with the support of the McKinney Family Foundation and the City of Indianapolis, along with the Indiana Public Health Association, SESCO, Umbaugh, Indy Parks, Prosperity Indiana, and the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, are hosting the second annual Climate Leadership Summit on Wednesday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Garfield Park Art Center, Indianapolis.

Last August we inaugurated this remarkable gathering, the first of its kind, the Climate Leadership Summit. Our founding mayors, Jim Brainard and Joe Stahura, along with Earth Charter Indiana, convened mayors, their delegations, experts, and advocates from across the state for a day of intensive learning. The purpose was simple: to inspire action to create climate resilient communities across the Hoosier State.

We left with a commitment to continue our conversation and find ways to support each other as we move into an era of great uncertainty and opportunity in addressing climate change. Over the past year, that drum beat of solutions-oriented climate action has only gotten louder and we’ve seen some remarkable successes in many of our communities.

This year’s Summit will again include plenary remarks, panel discussions, and breakout sessions on topics of interest like green jobs, public health, and youth engagement. We will also have time to celebrate the progress your communities have already achieved and to share best practices.

We invite you to bring a delegation of up to six people from your city who represent key stakeholder areas—leaders from faith, business, environment, youth, etc.—who are committed to building a vision of a more resilient Indiana. There is no cost for this event.

We hope you will join us for this important gathering of dedicated thought leaders in the state, to share your successes and challenges, and to recommit ourselves to an enduring legacy of climate action in our communities.

Please Respond using:  https://tinyurl.com/yahcugdt

SIGNED,

Mayor Todd Barton, Crawfordsville
Mayor Jim Brainard, Carmel
Mayor Greg Goodnight, Kokomo
Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Gary
Mayor Joe Hogsett, Indianapolis
Mayor Dave Kitchell, Logansport
Mayor Joe Stahura, Whiting