**Instructions:**

Please delete all instructions highlighted in blue and fill in all yellow highlighted areas.

Place letter on official hospital/health system/health care facility letterhead.

This letter needs to be signed by the director of the organization or someone with similar authority.

Date

Diana Picon Manyari

Nick Thorp

Health Care Without Harm

Dear Diana Picon Manyari and Nick Thorp:

With this letter please accept [Name of hospital/health system/health care facility] official pledge to achieve net zero climate emissions and join the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change’s Race to Zero campaign.

We understand that by joining Race to Zero we are also joining Health Care Without Harm’s Health Care Climate Challenge, the official Race to Zero health care partner.

By joining Race to Zero, [Name of hospital/health system/health care facility]is committed to:

* Achieving net zero emission by [insert year: 2050 or sooner];
* Achieving an interim target of [insert %:] reduction of measurable emissions by [insert year];
* Signing the [Health Care Climate Challenge pledge](https://www.greenhospitals.net/join-climate-challenge/);
* Completing annual quantitative and qualitative data reporting forms to update HCWH and the UNFCCC on our progress and strategies;
* Allowing HCWH to share information related to our target and annual progress on the [UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal](https://climateaction.unfccc.int/).

We also understand that an added benefit of joining Race to Zero and the Health Care Climate Challenge is automatic membership in Health Care Without Harm’s [Global Green and Healthy Hospitals](https://www.greenhospitals.net/) Network (GGHH). The Global Green and Healthy Hospitals community has over [1,900 members in 86 countries who represent the interests of more than 70,000 hospitals and health centers](https://www.greenhospitals.net/members/). Members have access to a suite of resources to support their work on a ten goal sustainability framework.

**Main Contact Person:**

The contact person at Name of Hospital/Health System/Health Care Facility who will be responsible for maintaining correspondence with HCWH related to Race to Zero, the Health Care Climate Challenge, and GGHH, along with completing all required reporting is:

Full name

Email

Address

Telephone

Lastly, I understand there are some necessary limitations on participation in the Climate Challenge and membership in GGHH. Participation in the Climate Challenge and/or membership in GGHH does not bestow any sort of certification of my hospital or institution as "green". I understand participants and members may identify themselves as Climate Challenge Participants and/or members of GGHH, but may not speak on behalf of the Climate Challenge and/or GGHH, describe themselves as representatives of the Climate Challenge and/or GGHH, or use the logos on their official materials for purposes other than identifying themselves as members of the Network without prior consent of the GGHH secretariat.

We look forward to working with Global Green and Healthy Hospitals and the Health Care Climate Challenge to transform the health sector and foster a healthy future.

Sincerely,

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Title

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