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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation that the information presented for credit IN-2: is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This is a forward-thinking project to support sustainable transportation for the University and the community.

In Boston University's continued effort to sustainably engage with its community, we've developed the BU Bike Accident Toolkit to allow members of the BU community as well as the general public to efficiently capture important information following an accident. Launched on September 12, 2013 during the Sustainability Festival/Bike Safety Day, the GPS-enabled app is offered free of charge and provides users a simple and intuitive tool to thoroughly document an accident leveraging the technology available in smart phones. Although named and launched as part of our campus bike safety program, the app is equally useful to pedestrians and motorists.

The app initially asks if this is a medical emergency and if so prompts a call to 911. The accident app immediately records/stamps the time, date and GPS coordinates of the accident and asks the user if they wish to anonymously report that accident data. It then walks the user, who is likely nervous and possibly concussed, through the steps required to document the accident for a police report or insurance claim. These steps include documenting personal information, license and vehicle information (if appropriate), and witness information. The app also prompts users to take video, photos and/or witness statement recordings.

Once completed, the app along with all of the data and documentation is emailed to the user. This last step provides additional date and time documentation as well as a record that can be shared with others.

Boston University's Bike Accident Toolkit is unique because unlike all other accident apps, it does not have ties to an insurance company or a personal injury attorney. As the number of users increase, we hope to use the anonymously reported data help the University and the City better understand where and when accidents occur. Typically, the city is only provided with reports on accidents that require medical or police dispatch. Lastly, we agreed to allow the developer to offer this app to other universities, cities and states without any financial return to the University.

Sincerely,
Boston University

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Webster Lancaster".

Webster Lancaster
Director of Operations