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Mr. Richard Johnson
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Dear Rick,

Thank you taking the time to come and share with us about the Healthier Tennessee initiative. On behalf of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, we would like to partner with you and Healthier Tennessee in creating a healthier campus for our faculty, staff, and students.

As a part of our commitment, we will designate a full-time Wellness Coordinator to serve as a liaison between the University and Healthier Tennessee to implement these initiatives on campus. This position will be housed within the Center for Health Education and Wellness and will partner internally with the College of Nursing, College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences, Kinesiology, Student Health, and Recreational Sports. We also hope to get several of our corporate partners involved to assist in promoting health and wellness across campus.

In addition to a full-time coordinator, we will also invest in creating and marketing the program on campus. The goal of these programs is to support positive lifestyle changes, reduce healthcare costs, increase productivity, and improve the overall health of faculty, staff, and students.

Rick, thanks again for visiting our campus. We look forward to working with you in designing a pathway for implementation that improves the lives of our campus community. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jimmy G. Cheek
Chancellor

cc: The Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee
Mr. Mark Cate, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Dr. Joe DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee System
Chancellor's Cabinet