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Hi Josh,

I'm writing in support of the proposal being put forward by the Mozilla Foundation and the Software Carpentry project. As I mentioned to you at Foo in June, I have long appreciated Greg Wilson's unique mission. Science increasingly depends on computational tradecraft that isn't part of standard scientific training. Greg has worked hard and effectively to develop and deliver a remedy. I hope he'll be able to continue doing that.

I should add that while computational tradecraft for scientists is vital, but Greg and I share the view that there's more at stake for science and for society. In my own work at Microsoft, I'm building an open-source/open-data community information service that aims to teach citizens how to think and act in accordance with core principles that govern the web. We jointly hope to acquaint both scientists and citizens with those principles which, we believe, are foundations of modern literacy. In order to help scientists become better web thinkers, I've told Greg that I can make myself available to the proposed project as a teacher and mentor.

Regards,

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