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The Infrastructure Steering Committee  
The R Consortium

Dear committee members:

I am writing this letter in support of Andrew Redd's proposal for the R Documentation Task Force.

I have worked on R's documentation for many years. When I wrote our current parser in 2008, one idea was that it would allow automatic translation of .Rd files into a better format, easier for authors and for programmatic transformations. I believe the approach we've taken with vignettes (allowing multiple input formats) is better, and I believe this project will lead to similar flexibility for help files.

Sincerely,

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