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Infrastructure Steering Committee  
R Consortium

Dear Members of the Infrastructure Steering Committee,

I am delighted to express the full support of the Population Health Research Foundation for Discovery (PHR) of the Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Science for Dr. Andrew M. Redd's proposal "The R Documentation Task Force: The Next Generation R Documentation System." This project, seeks to make improvements to the documentation systems available to R programmers and users.

The PHR consists of five cores, including the Study Design and Biostatistics Center (SDBC) and the Health Measurement and Survey Methods (HMSM) Core, and includes more than 40 members many of whom are regular R users. The SDBC supports the Utah R Users group which Dr. Redd has lead for the last 6 years. Dr. Redd also leads the SDBC Internal Standards Committee tasked with defining standard operating procedure requirements such as documenting functions. His proposed work promises to provide important tools that relate to the standards of high quality work to which PHR members adhere and aligns with the primary mission of the PHR, which is to support clinical and translational research at the University of Utah.

The PHR expresses our support for the aims in Dr. Redd's proposal. Should the proposal be funded the PHR is willing to support Dr. Redd's time spent in Administration of the R Documentation Task Force and consider it as service to the PHR and SDBC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom Greene'.

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