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Roy and Becky - Thanks for the invite to this important effort. This e-mail is our letter in response.

The Center is a 15,000 member national conservation organization, and has clearly been a major player in tortoise issues for many years.

We support the mission of the work group, and offer our best efforts toward working with everyone for tortoise conservation and recovery.

The Center is especially interested in realizing conservation and restoration of critical habitat, and having it managed primarily for tortoise recovery.

I will represent the Center in this effort, but it is possible other informed staff may sometimes also participate. I currently have a conflict on Oct 11 that prevents me from being in Barstow, but I want to at least call-in. We request all meetings have a call-in speakerphone option.

Please confirm our position on the DTRPIWG.

Finally, we request more information on the planned tortoise science meeting for this fall and how we may participate or support. Thanks,

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