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Michael, Paul and Marc -

Now that the dust has settled a bit from Monday's meeting in St. Joseph, I believe I'm ready to have some further discussions on how best to move forward as a group. We have some critical dates and times that are rapidly coming up on us and I think it would be helpful to discuss some items over the phone next week. Thank you all for your patience and willingness to move forward on our efforts. We've all spent considerable time and effort on this project and I believe we can still craft a path forward to a mutually acceptable solution.

I've attached a brief agenda for us to use as we have our discussion next week. I think the main things we need to focus on are setting a firm date for the next Large Group Meeting, agreeing to the overal goal for that large group meeting as well as beginning to address some of the more complex issues ahead of us (such as ownership and financing.)

I also included four main items that we touched on at Monday's meeting that seemed to be ideal topics for the Small Group to wrestle with as we move forward. While these issues are important, they are not as critical as the ones noted above. I wanted to make sure we didn't lose sight of them, however, after Monday's meeting.

I'm available all next week except for Wednesday (August 27) afternoon. Marc and I can be at one location for the call to help facilitate any phone conferencing issues.

Please let me know your availability. I'd prefer late mornings and middle of the week but I'm open to most anytime.

Thanks.

Bruce