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To Whom It May Concern:

As Team Leader of the Aquarium at Zoological Society of London, London Zoo and the Coordinator for Killifishes in the Taxonomic Advisory Group, I commend and support the conservation efforts of the Sociedad De Estudios Ictiologicos with fishes of the family Cyprinodontidae.

As advisors to the Taxonomic Advisory Group and experienced breeders of several species, Manuel Zapater, José Luis Blanco, Juan Pablo Campo, José María García and Roberto Sáez's expertise is invaluable for helping to maintain several extremely endangered species that would otherwise become extinct. The work of the SEI falls in line with ZSL's mission of preserving animals and their habitats.

The Zoological Society of London appreciates the advice on husbandry and breeding that the SEI has contributed and they have been an invaluable aid for the management of several species we also maintain. Without organisations such as the SEI, many species would be faced with imminent extinction. The relationship between the SEI and ZSL is one of open communication and the sharing of skills and knowledge, as well as specimens, contributes to the overall success of the programme species we cooperatively manage.

I hope that the continued cooperation between ZSL and SEI will strengthen our mutual conservation initiatives and ultimately benefit the species we both are trying to conserve.

Sincerely,

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