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Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Dear Members of ICANN:


As a senior executive within one of the worlds best known charities, I am compelled to join many of my colleagues from other organizations as I express my support for the DotOrg Foundation's proposal to:

- Operate the .org registry to high standards of reliability and security;
- Support and foster the participation of the non-commercial sector on the Internet, particularly by facilitating their obtaining of domain names the .org top level domain (TLD);
- Provide solutions that increase the Internet as a secure and reliable place for non-commercial entities, including for non-profit organizations around the world to engage in on-line philanthropy;
- Advance an environment in which Internet users worldwide may easily and securely gain access to the .org website domain name registry and supporting authentication/validation information – thus ensuring greater confidence when interacting with websites among donors, participants, members, etc.
- Increase the use of .org by non-commercial organizations, particularly those in developing countries and under-served communities
- Enhance the global dialogue among the non-commercial activity and supporting their understanding of and meaningful participation in the domain name system and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); and
- Support the utilization of the Internet's tools by the non-commercial sectors in underserved regions around the world.

We are further encouraged the by DotOrg Foundation's intent to act as a convener for the community and as a platform for ideas to be examined and disseminated to the .org community, particularly non-commercial entities, by:

- Creating mechanisms to elicit non-commercial dialogue;
- Listening to and understanding the non-commercial community's and concerns and building an engaged and participatory constituency;
- Creating governance structures that allow for participation by members of the .org community, particularly non-commercial registrants; and
- Providing for transparency in meetings and decision-making processes.

Sincerely,



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