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The Honorable Nancy J. Victory  
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**REF: ICANN Evolution and Reform**

Dear Ms. Victory:

We, the undersigned registry operators, are writing to express our continuing support for the ongoing efforts of the ICANN Evolution and Reform Committee (ERC). While we understand the frustrations of certain members of the Internet community in connection with the overall ICANN process to date, we believe that ICANN remains the most viable solution to ensure the ongoing stability of the Internet's naming and addressing systems.

In the three and half years since its inception, ICANN has taken on the Herculean task of trying to fulfill the numerous objectives as originally set forth in the White Paper. Although like minds may differ on the success of ICANN in connection with these objectives, the following facts are irrefutable. Little more than three years ago there was one monopoly gTLD registry/registrar provider. Today there are well over 100 operational registrars and seven new TLD registries.

As the domain name market place continues to mature, we strongly believe that market forces and governmental authorities will be the principal guiding forces. We believe that somewhere within those guiding forces there exists, and will continue to exist, a significant role for the private-sector ICANN that has been recognized by the Department of Commerce. Although there are issues that still need to be addressed within the Blueprint document, upon which the undersigned will continue to attempt to provide constructive feedback, we believe that these issues can be solved in a mutually agreeable manner between ICANN and the undersigned registries within the context of our existing contractual relationships.

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We encourage you to continue to support the efforts underway to constructively reform ICANN and provide it with the necessary staff and resources to ensure that competition and stability continue to exist at the registrar and registry levels for the benefit of all Internet users.

Sincerely,

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