



OFFICE OF THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE

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Dot Registry
208 W 19th St
Kansas City, MO 64108

Subject: Letter of support for the Restricted Use of the Top Level Domains, ".INC" and ".LLC"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter confirms that the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, is charged with administering Iowa's database of registered business entities. The companies registered with this office are members of the larger community of corporations authorized to conduct business in the United States.

We understand that the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") will be accepting applications for new web extensions this year. This office has been informed that companies, such as DOT Registry, LLC, will be applying for the strings, ".INC" and ".LLC" with restrictions that are intended to protect U.S. companies and consumers. These types of requirements are necessary to protect U.S. companies and consumers from fraudulent and deceptive business practices.

In the event ICANN decides to issue these strings and in order to further the public policy reasons for which entities file at the state level, we believe that such strings should only be issued to companies that are registered with a secretary of state or equivalent agency. Also, it is important that registry companies provide access to the information by registered companies for jurisdictional purposes. This letter is not an endorsement of DOT Registry, LLC, but is a statement that our office believes that such restrictions, as proposed by DOT Registry, are integral to these strings and we will object to the use of the strings, ".INC" and ".LLC" without any such restrictions.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Schultz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Schultz,
Secretary of State
State Commissioner of Elections