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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter confirms that the State of Kansas, Office of the Secretary of State, is charged with administering Kansas'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.

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. It is important that registry companies provide access to the information provided by registered companies for jurisdictional purposes. Our office believes that such restrictions are integral to these strings and will object to the use of the strings, ".INC" and ".LLC" without any restrictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris W. Kobach". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kris W. Kobach
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