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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter advises that the Office of the Secretary of State of Alabama is charged with overseeing the process for the formation of corporations, limited liability companies (LLC's), non-profit entities, and several other types of business entities. The office is also charged with the maintenance of Alabama's database relating to those business entities. The businesses 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 that are registered with the Secretary of State. With growing national concern about fraudulent business registration, business identity theft, and online consumer protection, this office believes that these strings should only be issued under a community designation in order to protect both the members of this community and consumers at large.

Our office believes that specific restrictions and policies must be in place to protect the community of U.S. Registered Businesses and to ensure that these extensions are only representative of members of their respective communities as verified through their respective Secretary of State's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beth Chapman'.

Beth Chapman
Secretary of State