May 29, 2014

RE: Additional Endorsements for dotgay LLC (Application ID# 1-1713-23699)

Dear ICANN,

We appreciate ICANN adding the enclosed endorsement letters to dotgay LLC’s community application for .gay (Application ID# 1-1713-23699) and posting on the ICANN correspondence page.

Best regards,

Jamie Baxter
dotgay LLC
May 28, 2015

Dear ICANN and the ICANN Board,

Amazin Lê Thi Foundation (ALF) is proud to offer this letter of support for dotgay LLC in their efforts at ICANN to create a .GAY based on their community application, which has received global LGBTQIA support from the gay community.

Amazin Lê Thi Foundation was created with the mission of inspiring and empowering homeless LGBTQ youth and children living with HIV through sports and education to create confidence and future leaders, while raising awareness to end social stigma and discrimination. Our aim is to cultivate emotional intelligence and long-term career development opportunities for the gay community’s youth. ALF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and proud partner of Athlete Ally, Vietnam Relief Services and VietPride.

We trust that we are not the first of several hundred organizations who have already provided written support for dotgay LLC to address the importance and relevance of securing .GAY as a community TLD. To put it simply, there are very few initiatives from within the gay community that have ever received such widespread and uniform support from the entire LGBTQIA population than that shown for dotgay LLC. It is quite apparent that the global gay community is onboard with creating a safer community space on the Internet to be inherited by generations to follow. The idea of a community operated .GAY has been embraced by the gay community. It is an opportunity that ICANN, and this generation, have a responsibility to realize as a matter of public interest.

It is ALF’s understanding that a second Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) is currently underway on the dotgay LLC application to determine if LGBTQIA efforts meet ICANN requirements for receiving priority status over non-community interests looking to simply commoditize .GAY. After comparing the original CPE conducted on the dotgay LLC application against ICANN’s original GNSO policy behind the community designation TLDs, it is certainly our assertion that a properly conducted evaluation and thorough understanding of the gay community and the dotgay LLC application will produce favorable results for the gay community – a passing score in CPE.

Once again, ALF is proud to support dotgay LLC’s community application for .GAY and looks forward to supporting efforts to realize the collective wishes of the gay community.

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