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Dr. Steven Crocker, Chairman
Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chairman New gTLD Program Committee
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300
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Subject: Top Level Domains, “.INC” and “.LLC” and “.CORP”, and “.LLP”

Dear Dr. Crocker and Mr. Chalaby:

The Missouri Secretary of State’s Office is charged with overseeing the business filing of corporations, limited liability companies, non-profit companies, professional associations, and several other types of business structures, as well as the maintenance of Missouri’s database relating to the aforementioned business entities. The businesses registered with this office are members of the larger community of corporations authorized to conduct business in the United States.

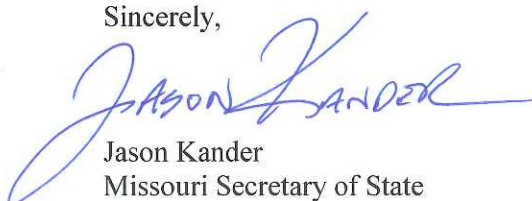
Over the last few months, my office has submitted several letters to your organization expressing our questions regarding the issuance of the top level domains for: “.INC”, “.LLC”, “.CORP”, and “.LLP”. I believe that these extensions should only be issued to community operated entities so that members of these communities in the United States are sufficiently represented and protected.

On July 18, 2013, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), of which I am a member, unanimously approved a formal resolution restating their position that these corporate identifiers should be issued and operated as community extensions. I would like to reiterate my support for this resolution.

As I have previously stated, without policies governing the operation of Top Level Domains, our office cannot support the issuance of: “.INC”, “.LLC”, “.LLP”, and “.CORP”; as there will not be sufficient protections for the Community of Registered Businesses in the United States and the consumers who will visit websites using these domains. Furthermore, I would point out that one of the applicants, Dot Registry, LLC, is a Missouri-based company that would bring jobs to my state if selected. It has also come to my attention that Dot Registry, LLC, appears to be the only applicant to apply for “.INC,” “.LLC,” “.CORP,” and “.LLP” under the community designation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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