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Via E-Mail: steve.crocker@icann.org

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Dear Steve:

As you may know, I recently announced my resignation as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, effective February 15. During my tenure as Commissioner and Chairman, the FTC has vigorously pursued enforcement actions and policy initiatives to combat fraud and increase online privacy and security. As part of those efforts, we have actively engaged with ICANN over the past several years, advocating for, among other things, improved Whois data accuracy, stronger registrar obligations, and improved safeguards for the new gTLD program.

We have reached out to you on several occasions to discuss these important issues and, at every turn, you graciously met with us to listen to our concerns. I sincerely appreciate your kindness, respect for the issues we have raised, and willingness to engage with us on an ongoing basis to explore the most effective ways to protect consumers.

As I prepare to leave my role as Chairman, I want to both thank you for your collegiality and urge you to continue to raise the profile of consumer protection issues within ICANN and the domain name industry. Indeed, on the eve of the launch of thousands of new gTLDs, the issues that the FTC has highlighted—improved Whois accuracy, privacy protections for non-commercial registrations, stronger registrar contracts, effective contractual compliance, adequate safeguards for the new gTLD program, and mitigating the risk of consumer confusion—are more important than ever before. ICANN has taken steps in the right direction with recent initiatives, and I believe that there is even more that ICANN can do to address each of these issues. At this critical juncture, my sincere hope is that you continue to work with Commissioner Brill, the other FTC commissioners, Shaundra Watson, and other FTC staff to ensure that ICANN's policies benefit consumers.

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Leibowitz".

Jon Leibowitz