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To: ICANN Board

Subject: Price control abdication amendments proposed for ICANN- Verisign registry agreement.

The Board of Directors
ICANN

Dear Sirs,

Following the incorrect abdication of pricing control of other legacy TLDs ICANN has an opportunity to show strength and commitment in supporting domain owners against unreasonable increases.

The poor judgement damaging the whole industry exhibited by ICANN staff and the board, with the .org decision should compel the Board to make amends and recognize the following facts:

1. That the input sought from grass roots of ICANN was both overwhelming in terms of numbers of responses and in terms of negative views on the .org price restraint removal.
2. That the input received was not “spam” and should have been considered with the same sincerity as it was generally sent.
3. That the system is broken when such a fundamental error could occur impacting the very domain owner base the board is supposed to represent, and must be fixed.
4. That whilst the ramifications of .com price increase freedom for .org differ for .com that they are in many ways just as serious.
5. That abdication of price control of legacy domains has never been tested with ICANN grass roots and should be so addressed before another stupid mistake is made by staff and /or the board.
6. That the unique legacy benefits of the .com registry, should not entitle it to open slather on pricing. The profitability and cost of providing registry services are public knowledge and ICANN has the current right and responsibility to exert influence to protect the rights of millions of stakeholders rather than pander to

the requests of Verisign and its sweeteners offered in return for abdication of such important price control oversight.

7. That whilst ICANN may have opted for no price controls on new GTLDs, that the unique price protected, environment of legacy domains should not have been set aside in the name of uniformity and or convenience.

8. That given the mess ICANN has on its hands from .org governance mistakes, it behooves ICANN to take notice of respondents this time around and ensure grass roots opinions canvassed are taken seriously and deliberately assessed in an unbiased environment.

9. That ICANN has been exposed to the whole world, at best, for its poor management and governance and the .com price decision is an opportunity to make right in responding to capping the runaway profits of Verisign to be paid for sole by ICANN constituents.

10. That the ICANN board owes the industry at least a sincere apology for its mistakes. Any commercial corporation paying its directors at the level of ICANN would by now have made governance changes either by resignation or dismissal.

11. That to dispel the practices that permit former senior staff and board members to engage in activities that look suspiciously corrupt must be acted upon immediately: not just acknowledged or discussed.

12. The lack of confidence in the Board must be acknowledged along opinions within the context of "a fish goes rotten from its head"

Sincerely

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