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Mr Peter Dengate-Thrush  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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Numbers  
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*Dear Mr Dengate-Thrush*

I am writing in relation to your ongoing work to expand the generic top level domain name space and to stimulate a greater degree of innovation and choice for providers and consumers alike.

I very much welcome this effort and I am firmly of the view that, through your work, Wales can establish its own top level domain dedicated to promoting its language, culture and identity using the ".cymru" string.

Whilst I appreciate that this is a complex and involved process that requires the co-ordination and consensus of many stakeholders on a global basis, I am concerned that the time that it is taking to finalise the application process for new top level domain names is delaying progress in delivering a top level domain for Wales.

The bid for ".cymru" is a linguistic and cultural bid with no opposition or ongoing issues of contention or debate. May I therefore urge you to make every effort to facilitate a swift resolution to any outstanding issues and agree a date to open this application process as quickly as possible.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Ieuan Wyn Jones*

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