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Editor  
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Dear Editor:

On your opinion page on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> it was noted that VeriSign has an affiliation with two economists who wrote the article "the U.S. Abandons the Internet". We want to clarify that VeriSign is in full support of the recently announced new agreement Affirmation of Commitment between the Internet Corporation on Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

VeriSign commends the Internet Corporation on Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Department of Commerce for more than a decade of work dedicated to evolving the governance of the global Domain Name System. We are encouraged that the agreement announced by ICANN and the U.S. Department of Commerce will support greater international involvement in the ICANN oversight, while still upholding ICANN's important role as the technical coordinator of the DNS. The agreement should support ICANN in fulfilling its mission and help to promote the continued stability and security of the Internet's addressing system.

We would like to make it clear this article is the opinion of these two gentlemen and not the position of VeriSign on the new agreement.

Very truly yours,

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