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Rod Beckstrom  
President  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
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1875 I Street NW, Suite 501  
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Dear Mr. Beckstrom:

First, I would like to commend you and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board of Directors for the important work you are doing to promote competition in the domain name marketplace while ensuring Internet security and stability.

I am writing with respect to the creation of ".gay," a proposed new generic top-level domain. I believe it would benefit New York City's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community and communities around the globe. In addition to potentially raising millions of dollars for LGBT causes and charities, this top-level domain could help LGBT community members and businesses to find their own identity on the Internet.

New Yorkers are eager for the accessibility and visibility that new generic top-level domains will offer. I am confident that Internet users worldwide will benefit from these new domains, and I commend you and ICANN for moving forward with your application process and making them available to the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine C. Quinn".

Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker