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Mr. Terry Drayton
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Dear Mr. Drayton:

Thank you for keeping me informed of your bid to become the .org registry selected by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). I wholeheartedly endorse your efforts, and am pleased to offer whatever support I can to assist you in this endeavor.

ICANN's decision to place the ".org" registry under a different operation than the ".com" and ".net" registries is an important and positive development. As a matter of public policy, it makes sense that management of the .org registry should rest with the same non-profit community it serves. Such a policy can best work to broaden the reach and promote the success of non-profit organizations that play such a vital role in our nation's charitable, scientific and civic progress. I commend ICANN for its leadership in this regard.

The .Org Foundation's (Foundation) bid is especially deserving of ICANN's consideration because the fees that non-profit organizations pay for access to the Internet are reinvested in ways that directly help the non-profit community. I am impressed by the Foundation's proposal to provide a forum for non-profits to address their unique concerns regarding the "digital divide" among non-profit and for-profit entities and increase the former's access to Internet technology. And I believe the Foundation's commitments to customer service will lead to continued growth, increased stability, and self-sufficiency as non-profit organizations increase and improve their use of Internet-based technologies.

Again, thank you for keeping me apprised of your proposal. I wish you success as you move forward. Please feel free to share this letter in any way you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke
Governor