



October 10, 2013

**RE: Additional Letters of Support for dotgay LLC (App. ID# 1-1713-23699)**

Dear ICANN,

From the date that dotgay LLC submitted the community application for .gay to ICANN, outreach into the Gay Community has continued in a variety of manners to raise awareness of the new gTLD program, and more specifically to engage and build support for the community approach to a .gay string. Outreach has consisted of townhall discussions on every continent, exhibitions and presentations at conferences globally, Authentication Partner recruitment, as well as communication and social media efforts online. We request you post these letters to the new gTLD correspondence page.

dotgay LLC's ongoing efforts have resulted in more than 50 additional letters of support from community organizations and businesses around the world, all very clearly supporting the only community-based application for .gay. The outreach and exhaustive dialogue with the Gay Community is not only a reflection of dotgay LLC's commitment to the community, but also a direct contribution to the overall policy development for the TLD. This work has continued at an accelerated rate since submitting the application and it will continue even after launch.

As noted in the original endorsement submission, the letters of support also help to demonstrate how each endorsing party is positioned in the Gay Community, including validation that 'gay' is the appropriate term for the community string and acknowledgement that community engagement and management is essential to prevent misuse and abuse.

We appreciate ICANN posting the enclosed endorsement letters to the new gTLD correspondence page on behalf of dotgay LLC's community application for .gay (Application ID# 1-1713-23699). This brings the combined number of community endorsement letters to 182. dotgay LLC, and our community of support, look forward to the swift commencement of the Community Priority Evaluation.

Best regards,  
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### Additional Letters of Support

Since the time that dotgay LLC submitted the community application for .gay, outreach efforts have continued in the Gay Community to engage, listen, inform, interact and garner support. Building on the 128 letters previously submitted, support has continued to grow include the additional 54 enclosed. Endorsement from the following organizations, associations and businesses represent the voice of membership, constituents and networks of individuals in the community identifying as male or female homosexuals, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and ally.

### Gay Organizations

This grouping of endorsements contains regional, national and international organizations that represent a wide variety of service oriented nonprofit and non-governmental efforts created to support members of the Gay Community. As stated in our original endorsement submission, these organizations have been on the front line of progress for the Gay Community, creating real change where it is needed and leadership where it is absent.

Supporting a community-based approach to .gay is a priority for these organizations as outlined in their letters supporting dotgay LLC's application, including real life examples that emphasis the need for community involvement. Ongoing international outreach has garnered even more support from national organizations in Belarus, Belize, Cameroon, Czech Republic, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Nigeria, Paraguay, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey and the United Kingdom.



## LGBT Human Rights for Tanzanians

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October 1, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create a community-managed .GAY top-level-domain, utilizing the proposed 'community' model put forth by dotgay LLC.

WEZESHA is a registered national Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) organization working to advance equality, diversity, education, and justice for LGBT people in Tanzania. Founded in 2009, we have worked tirelessly in direct aid to individuals in crisis, health care access, political advocacy, and education/media. Our latest and most ambitious project is the creation of the nation's first free LGBT-friendly clinic in Dar es Salaam. The clinic will provide counseling, HIV prevention, and treatment.

WEZESHA works to advance recognition of human rights based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Tanzania at the national level, as described in the United Nation's 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights.' Despite being a member and subscriber to the declaration, our government does not comply with its international human rights obligations, and provides no protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. We also promote the articulation of clear national norms and mobilize international pressure to hold government accountable.

The new .GAY, under dotgay's community stewardship, would provide an innovative alternative for the gay community, one that greatly impacts the community while becoming a trusted resource. As members of the gay community continue to use the Internet to find information and access to services, it is even more crucial that safeguards are employed to avoid confusion, misuse or abuse of the gay community. The community's interest should supersede any private business opportunity, especially in the case of .GAY.

Recent events in Russia have made it clear that LGBT people continue to be the targets of discrimination on the world stage, losing their voice at the hands of non-LGBT people with power. Without having community participation in the new .GAY, it is very clear that the same exercise of power will always be a risk and a concern. We hope ICANN clearly understands the importance of the decision on awarding .GAY, and the repercussions it will have on the global gay community in the future.

We strongly support dotgay LLC and the community-based model they have proposed for .GAY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Wandera".

James Wandera – Executive Director  
WEZESHA





## United Belize Advocacy Movement, UniBAM

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31<sup>st</sup>, January, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed dot gay top-level-domain (TLD). We are the United Belize Advocacy Movement an advocate organization that uses rights-base approaches to reduce stigma and discrimination. We have a membership of over 130 LGBT persons from all across the country of Belize with a broad focus on health and rights concerns. We maintain a facebook list of over 900 supporters that include LGBT citizens abroad as well as in-country. Our networking extends to the Caribbean region where hundreds of activists are busy trying to advance LGBT rights and health. We work in a coalition of LGBT activists with Latin American and Caribbean countries at the OAS general assembly each year.

It is our belief that dot gay is an important tool that needs to be led using a community model for it has the ability to address many social ills that is inclusive of rights violation and advancing health concerns. We belief it has the power, in a limit capital environment to advance business for the gay community globally, but it must be driven by the vision of the community. It is a one stop tool that provides efficiency to small organizations like mine and makes it easy to exchange institutional strategies in a timely manner.

LGBT community members are experts of their community. They know its internal social infrastructure needs, regionally, hemispherically and globally. To place it in the hands of external forces would only alienate integrated approaches and advance the social and economic disparity that exists.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for dot gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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Executive President  
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A proud member of the Women's Issues Network of Belize



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16<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Dear Dr. Crocker and Members of the ICANN Board,**

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), is a nationally-significant charity, which serves over 40,000 lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people a year. Established in April 2000 following the merger of two smaller charities, we have been providing a wide range of support and services to LGB people for over 10 years. Our vision is of a fair and equal society in which LGB people can achieve their full potential, and our mission, very succinctly, is 'Ending Homophobia, Empowering People'.

We very much support the creation of .gay TLD and recognise the range of benefits it could bring, to a large number of lesbian, gay & bisexual groups across the globe. In terms of the LGF, .gay TLD would benefit the organisation by helping us to achieve our mission of 'Ending Homophobia, Empowering People.' The creation of .gay TLD will help further increase the profile of the LGF, thus helping to assist a range of potential service users and wider stakeholders to increase their knowledge and access to our services.

GAY would be a very effective term for the community TLD, because it has widespread appeal and acceptance, not only within the UK but across the globe. Whilst no term can adequately reflect the diversity and complexity of LGB communities, GAY is the best and most inclusive umbrella term.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Cookson', is written over a white background.

**Rob Cookson**

**Director of Business Development**

**Lesbian & Gay Foundation**



Asunción, August 9th, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

SOMOSGAY is a community-based organization, composed of committed young people who have the innovation of effective strategies against homophobia, improving HIV/AIDS prevention, the rights of people affected by this virus and advancing human rights in Paraguay.

We believe that the .gay TLD will not only help community-based organizations such as SOMOSGAY to be more visible, but also to build a strong sense of community and brotherhood around LGBT issues.

SOMOSGAY believes that by developing the .gay TLD, the LGBT community as a whole will not only become more "virtually" visible, but also this simple act will provide with support and courage to the social movements fighting towards respect, liberty and equality for all.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,



**Sergio López**  
General Director  
SOMOSGAY, Paraguay



15 June 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Equal India Alliance is a non-profit working in India towards creating equality for the LGBTQ community at workplaces and campuses. We are a pan-India organization that primarily runs through its network of volunteers, allies, and corporate connections. We advise corporates on their LGBTQ diversity policies and inclusion networks, in addition to organizing sensitization workshops for their employees. At campuses, we start off projects, campaigns, seminars, and movie screenings to raise awareness about the LGBTQ community, myths, problems, acceptance, and sensitization.

In a country like India where talking about sex and sexuality is still taboo, and where most people questioning their sexuality look towards the Internet for an answer, the .gay TLD would definitely bring about a huge change. The internet is our country's biggest information resource; with a population of more than a billion people, a single .gay TLD can cause mass awareness, even if it's in the background. Acceptance finds its way into people's minds in different ways, and I do believe that seeing a .gay domain being used around webspace would cause people to rethink the taboos associated with the word, and the LGBTQ society at large.

The term gay was the first ever term that people used to describe the community. In Hindi, which is the most widely spoken language in India, one of the only words used for the community translates to "gay", and hence the term does invoke an instant recollection of its Hindi counterparts, or vice-versa. Contrary to what some might say, the word "gay" has been one of the most accepted politically-correct terms used to describe the LGBTQ community at large, without invoking a sense of shame, difference, or hatred in people part of the community or otherwise.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely

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*Association camerounaise pour la défense des droits de l'homme et de lutte contre le VIH*



Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .GAY TLD, utilizing a community-based model that truly brings value and benefit to our community.

The Cameroonian Foundation for AIDS (CAMFAIDS) is an organization dedicated to the fight against AIDS, as well as for the human rights of LGBTI people in Cameroon. Founded in 2009, CAMFAIDS is headquartered in Yaoundé and is an active member of ILGA Africa.

CAMFAIDS former executive director Eric Ohena Lembembe has championed the organization's efforts and is considered one of Cameroon's most prominent LGBTI rights activists. On behalf of CAMFAIDS, Lembembe collaborated closely with Human Rights Watch and two other Cameroonian organizations, Alternatives-Cameroun and the Association for the Defense of Homosexuals (ADEFHO), in researching and launching a March 2013 report on prosecutions for consensual same-sex conduct. He also participated in drafting a submission for Cameroon's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in May 2013 at the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Lembembe was also a contributor to the blog "Erasing 76 Crimes" and authored several chapters in a book on LGBTI rights around the world, *From Wrongs to Gay Rights*. His organization assiduously documented arrests, violence, and blackmail against LGBTI people in Cameroon. In July 2013, Lembembe was brutally murdered in his own home because of his activism.

CAMFAIDS strongly supports the community-based approach being offered by the dotgay LLC model, not only for the true value and benefit it will bring to the global gay community because of the proposed indexing system and community give-back, but also because of the important and necessary safeguards it provides against abuse and misuse. CAMFAIDS understands all too well the ongoing and life threatening harms faced by the gay community around the world and ICANN's decision on .GAY should be handled with extreme care, as should all TLDs that claim to represent the gay community (like .LGBT). Community management of these TLDs is the only right solution.

We are proud to support dotgay LLC in creating a model for .GAY that has included engagement with the community while keeping community as the priority over profits. We believe that dotgay LLC's proposal will be met with great support from all segments of the gay community and will play a major role in advancing the rights of LGBTI people everywhere.

Sincerely,

Dominique MENOGA  
LGBTQI Rights Defender  
Chairperson Of CAMFAIDS  
CAMFAIDS (Cameroonian Foundation For AIDS)  
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"Ce n'est qu'ensemble que nous pouvons gagner la lutte contre le VIH/SIDA et la discrimination faite aux HSH"



北京纪安德咨询中心  
Beijing Gender Health Education Institute

July 25, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

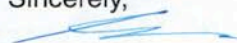
The Beijing Gender Health Education Institute is a non-government and non-profit organization. It was founded in 2002 and constitutes one of the first Chinese NGOs to focus on issues of gender, sexuality and sexual health, thus fulfilling a pioneering role in Chinese society.

We do consider the .gay TLD could help China LGBT NGOs with a good branding to the public and surely can bring us more gay pride feeling deeply. This is good for all LGBT NGOs' developing in mainland, good for our future.

Currently in China, for some reason, LGBT NGOs can not register as a legal organization. Thousands of LGBT NGOs are facing a very serious situation. Sometime, some NGOs will be under threat or be punished by the government or the police anytime. We know, it could get better. We believe the .gay TLD could be an opportunity to express our feeling, which is a kind of basic natural deep GAY pride feeling.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

  
Sam SUN  
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The Beijing Gender Health Education Institute



# GAY & LESBIAN NETWORK

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17 July 2012

Dear Dr Crocker & Members of the ICANN Board

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DOTGAY LLC

On behalf of the Gay & Lesbian Network we would like to support and endorse of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top level domain (TLD).

The Gay & Lesbian Network (GLN) is a registered voluntary non-profit organisation which is based in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The GLN has been operational since 2003 and in this time has done pioneering work with primarily young, unemployed and marginalized lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people living in and around Pietermaritzburg.

The Network started out in response to the need for LGBTI's to have a safe place where they could meet and socialize, as no such spaces of facilities were available in Pietermaritzburg. From these beginnings it has developed into a fully functional NGO that offers a wide range of programmes and services to the LGBTI community. The organisation also works with the broader community to create a more enabling and welcoming environment, in which LGBTI's can access services and be treated with respect and without discrimination or fear of violence.

We believe that a .gay TLD would support our organisation as it would link us with other gay people globally and would assist us in networking with various organisations to support our vision.

We believe that Gay is a widely used term globally and would create much awareness around gay issues especially in our continent of Africa where we see gay and lesbians discriminated, imprisoned and worst of all brutally murdered.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a new business model for .gay and would contribute much benefits to the broader LGBT services and non-profit community, business community, governments, advertisers, media and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely

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September 17, 2012

*Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,*

We are writing to you in support of your initiative to create .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Association of LGBT and their friends MOZAĪKA is a member-run organisation. It was founded in 2006 and is currently the only non-governmental organization in Latvia working in the field of LGBT rights and one of the strongest human rights organizations in Baltic countries. The organisation has grown from 16 founders in 2006 to more than 150 members in 2012. MOZAĪKA has established itself as an advocacy and lobbying organisation as well as the community building and strengthening force. MOZAĪKA is well known as an organiser of annual Friendship Days and pride parade in Rīga, which since 2009 has grown into the Baltic Pride.


During years our experience has shown the power of networks and sharing information to many communities, including the communities in our region. The presence of .gay will assist to our outreach work and will give us opportunities to provide information to wider public. The presence of .gay will assist in grown and visibility of our organization.

MOZAĪKA support dotgay LCC in creating business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,



Kristīne Garina  
Chair of the Board  
Association of LGBT and their friends MOZAĪKA



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Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,  
It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed. Gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Our organization works to protect the rights of homosexuals in Belarus, a country that is known for its authoritarian regime and discrimination. Our organization consists of about 20 people, people who are not afraid to defend the interests of the LGBT community under the threat of criminal punishment.

The inclusion of the zone .Gay will indicate the importance of the LGBT community in modern information field, which will without fear of blocking domain to disseminate information about the life of homosexuals, challenges and joys that are happening on the planet. In our case, because of the control of the national domain zone police will without fear or danger to convey their voice to local and international LGBT community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for. Gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA + service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,  
Alexandr Paluyan  
Chairman of Gay Alliance Belarus  
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## Queer Alliance Nigeria

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10<sup>th</sup> August, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level domain.

Queer Alliance Nigeria is a youth-led organization working to promote human rights by enhancing knowledge on issues of sexual diversity and gender justice. We aim to improve the lives of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and trans people in Nigeria through advocacy, leadership development and research. Queer Alliance Nigerian envision an egalitarian Nigerian society, where sexual orientation and gender identity will not constitute barrier to the attainment and enjoyment of the fundamental human rights that are entitled to everyone who finds themselves on the Nigeria soil.

The application for the .gay domain will further the objectives of the struggle for equality for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and trans people globally. This will also go a long way to strengthen advocacy and creating more economic benefits for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and trans people on the global front.

.gay is a suitable domain name as it all inclusive term in the defining same sex oriented people around the globe. It is also easy to remember.

We support the dot LLC in creating business model for the .gay with the community in mind and we believe it will receive great support of the LGBT service, non-profit community, business community, advertisers, the media and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Rashidi Williams  
Executive Director  
Queer Alliance Nigeria



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Dr Crocker, Mr Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Consortium of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voluntary and Community Organisations provides strategic support, information and voice work to a diverse range of approx. 200 organisations across the UK. Our Members range from grassroots organisations focussed on a single geographical area, through to multi-million pound organisations, all serving our communities.

As the UK's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Membership body, we are always looking for better ways of being able to support LGBT voluntary and community organisations. The .gay TLD will offer an opportunity for further levels of visibility, giving our Members further ways of promoting the positive work our communities undertake to eliminate discrimination and oppression. Having the .gay TLD run by an organisation that understands our community needs, and who actively wants to work with us, is essential in making this TLD a success. Given the niche nature of the TLD, it makes perfect sense for the coordination to be rooted in the community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Roberts  
Chief Executive Officer  
Consortium of LGBT Voluntary and Community Organisations

Jakarta, 4 June 2013

Our ref: 545/BP/AP/VI/2013

Subject: letter of support

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Arus Pelangi is a non-profit organization serving LGBT persons and communities in Indonesia, by among others promoting better public policies towards LGBT persons, in line with the universal human rights standards. As a federative association Arus Pelangi has a membership of 450 individuals and 10 member organizations from all over Indonesia. Through our collaborative efforts we are building a much larger network of LGBT groups and organizations to promote the acceptance of LGBTQIA+ persons by the society.

Being a developing country where sexual diversity is still a controversial issue but at the same time with looming government interference in internet governance, Indonesia has much to learn from freedom of expression practiced elsewhere in the world. Indonesian internet governance should therefore be controlled by all the stakeholders jointly, including the civil society in all its diversity.

The combination of business and non-profit model proposed by dotgay LLC would be highly beneficial for information sharing and education for the LGBTQIA+ communities in Indonesia. It may even be an example for the rest of the world because a TLD that is designed for the LGBTQIA+ community and operated by the community itself can create its own standards of profitability and educational qualities as well as moral values (important for countries like Indonesia)

Therefore, we support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,



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June, 23 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Associazione Radicale Certi Diritti is an LGBTE (E stands for hEtersosexual) Association committed to enhancing LGBTI Rights, Trans rights and sexual rights in Italy and on a transnational basis.

Over the past few years, they have conducted an important marriage equality campaign, called "Affermazione Civile" (Civil Affirmation) based on strategic litigation for marriage, family life and specific rights of Same Sex Couples.

We think dotgayLCC would be a great opportunity to set the .gay domain for the LGBT rights, as a unique referral point for all the people looking for equality rights all around the world. This would be a great benefit for our organization, also considering the transnational approach we have put in place in the last years.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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December 21, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Lithuanian Gay League (LGL) is a national NGO that advocates for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in Lithuania. Founded in 1995, LGL is the first and still the only organisation which works for LGBT rights in Lithuania. This organization has worked for over a decade to fight homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. LGL envisions a Lithuania where LGBT individuals have the same fundamental, equal rights that are granted to heterosexual individuals.

Communication is vital to our work in LGBT community. We firmly believe that the .gay TLD will help to strengthen this communication for our organization and other organizations like ours around the world by promoting a more visible and stronger identity in the worldwide web. *Gay* is a very common and widely accepted umbrella term and it is politically correct; therefore we think that using this term is the best way for this TLD to raise much awareness globally.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new.TLD.

Sincerely,

Vladimir Simonko  
Chairman  
Lithuanian Gay League



Paris, August 7, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Our organisation facilitates the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, an initiative it set up in 2004. Since then, this day is celebrated in over 110 countries, recognized by several governments and parliaments as well as international organizations. The public outreach of activities on the Day has been evaluated to several hundred million people annually, through extensive media coverage and huge presence on social media.

A .gay TLD would certainly increase the visibility of the global LGBT movement and we understand it would be of great value to many of the organizations which take action on the Day.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,  
Joel Bedos  
Director  
IDAHO Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Bedos".



29/11/2012

**TURK GAY CLUB**  
**TURKISH LGBT COMMUNITY**  
**2006 TURKEY**

**Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr.Cehade and Members of the ICANN Board, it is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TDL).**

**We're a nonprofit LGBT Community in Turkey.  
We have got more then 46000 LGBT members in Turkey.**

**We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creatin a strong new TLD.**

**Sincerely,**

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Dear Mr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade, Members of the ICANN board,

We would like to give you this letter as a show of support for the creation of a .gay top level domain. We believe that this will be of great benefit to the gay community globally. Our organisation is modelled on the other PFLAG organisations all around the world, and as such, we are focused on families that have gay members, and how to keep those families together by promoting understanding and providing educational material, as well as having a support group once a month. It would be fantastic to have all the information relevant to gay families in one place, as well as it being monitored to benefit the entire community. Those who are newly discovering that they are different to heterosexuals, typically gravitate to anything labelled "gay", as they believe that this describes a vast range of non-heterosexual people. It is only when they become more familiar with certain terminology, that they realise that gay and transsexual are vastly different, and lesbian and bi-sexual are totally different, as are all the other differences found within the gay community.

We believe that dotgay LLC are the best people for the task. They are creating a business model for .gay which will also have the support of other NPO's who are serving the gay community, and it will give business people and media a platform for reaching the gay community. So many more individuals will support this model, that we think it will be a strong top level domain.

Sincerely,

Kim Lithgow

Co-Founder of Amanzimtoti branch

(Head of Pflag-South Africa, Amanzimtoti branch)

*"Sexuality is not a choice.  
Pflag promotes understanding and acceptance.  
Together, we are keeping families together."*

**LETTER OF SUPPORT for Dotgay LLC**



**Český PFLAG / RAPLAG**

21st August 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

“Český PFLAG / RAPLAG“ is a Group of Parents, Friends and Allies of LGBT people in the Czech Republik.

We strongly believe that .gay TLD must stay in the hands of LGBT community and be controlled to insure that the name .gay will not be misused to spread hate and anti-LGBT propaganda.

“Český PFLAG / RAPLAG“ is a charity organization with an important mission to help parents, families and friends of all LGBT people in crises caused by homophobia and intolerance. We rely on the support of LGBT business projects like dotgay LLC for our survival.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Sincerely,

Tereza Bečičková

President of Český PFLAG / RAPLAG

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# LGBT Technology Partnership

October 1, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The LGBT Technology Partnership encourages the continued early adoption and use of cutting-edge, new and emerging technologies by providing information, education and strategic outreach for LGBT communities. We are a national, nonpartisan group of LGBT organizations, academic institutions and high technology companies whose mission is to engage with critical technology and public policy leaders for strategic discussions at all levels. The Partnership ensures that cable, telecommunications and high technology issues of specific concern to LGBT communities are addressed in public policy conversations.

The .gay TLD will represent a huge opportunity for the community to have a central digital place vital to all LGBT ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, educations and from a variety of geographic locations. As an organization that represents LGBT communities as it relates to technology we strongly feel this TLD must be represented by the community in order to mitigate and control harm, especially in those areas of the world where LGBT is considered illegal. Our community already faces daily challenges; even in the most advanced countries and allowing a standard application to control the .gay TLD would be detrimental to this vibrant community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

I hope you will strongly consider my comments above in your decision and I make myself available for any additional questions you may have.



Christopher B. Wood  
Executive Director

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August 13, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Sunshine Social Services, Inc. DBA SunServe is a model 501(c)(3) nonprofit social service agency serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community in South Florida. We provide high quality, compassionate, and progressive care for all, including those in financial need, minorities, youth, seniors, families, and those with life-challenging physical or emotional conditions. We also perform numerous education and outreach projects.

All LGBTQ serving agencies would benefit by the creation of .gay TLD through an increased prominence and recognition of the gay community in the business world. The easy to remember .gay TLD for websites would, in our case, increase the number of people coming into contact with information regarding our much needed social services.

The gay community, much like any group, shares a common culture that is best understood by members thereof. For example, adults who struggled against homophobia in their childhood understand first-hand the importance of LGBTQ youth having easy access to information regarding affirming social services.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Bryan C. Wilson  
Director of Training and Development  
SunServe

October 5, 2012

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter in support of dotgay, LLC and its application for the “.gay” top-level-domain (TLD).

Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders – Long Island (SAGE-LI) is a Long Island, New York based not-for-profit organization dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the Long Island GLBT senior community by providing education, advocacy, and social support services. It is committed to providing high quality, life enriching programs that value age, gender, racial, ethnic, religious and economic diversity and is further committed to fostering greater understanding, support and advocacy for the rights of GLBT seniors on Long Island.

We believe that TLDs such as the proposed .gay best serve their intended purpose when the target community has a certain level of control over a particular domain. dotgay, LLC understands the needs of the GLBT community and is fully committed to partnering with GLBT non-profits to ensure that the .gay TLD is used widely and effectively.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies evolve, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link GLBT people and resources.

We fully support dotgay, LLC's application for the .gay TLD and look forward to working with them to integrate this TLD into our existing and future web-based strategies.

Sincerely,



David Kilmnick, PhD, MSW  
Chief Executive Officer

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13.08.2012

Dear Dr. Crocker and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

GLADT is a self-organisation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, Trans, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) persons. We are composed of multiple affiliations, i.e. LGBTIQs of Color / black LGBT\*IQs / LGBT\*IQs with a migrant background. The association's focus is on multidimensional discrimination (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and other forms of discrimination). GLADT mainly provides counseling services and does antidiscrimination projects with an intersectional approach.

GLADT supports the initiative of dotgay regarding the .gay TLD. Due to the very nature of the word "gay", we think it is very important to be selective about who or which organisations & entrepreneurs can use .gay and to know what their motivation is. We believe it is necessary to make sure that this domain name does not simply become part of a lucrative internet business deal, but remains in good hands and be used for good purposes which benefit the global LGBTIQ community.

Since "gay" is a very common and widely accepted umbrella term, which at the same time happens to be an all-inclusive and politically correct word, we fully support dotgay LLC's initiative to suggest it as a community TLD.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind, and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arda Melih Bakirtas".

Arda Melih Bakirtaş  
Clinical Psychologist

GLADT e.V.



12<sup>th</sup> of August 2013

Dear Dr Crocker, Mr Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's considerations to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Good Hope Metropolitan Community Church (GHMCC) is an inclusive and affirming Church in Cape Town, South Africa, and provides a space for people to reconcile their spirituality with their sexuality. Our membership identifies predominantly as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender.

Originally founded in 1983, we are now an independent constituted and governed congregation affiliated to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). MCC Churches worldwide are at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements and address important issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism and other forms of oppression. We are at the forefront of the struggle towards marriage equality worldwide and continue to be a powerful voice in the movement for LGBTI equality.

Locally in South Africa and Southern Africa we network and partner with other organizations of the faith and human rights sector and are a member of the Joint Working Group, a network of LGBTI focused organisations in South Africa.

The .gay TLD would benefit the LGBTIQIA+ community by creating a unique identifier for inclusive and welcoming service providers and non-profit organisations without the necessary dilution which comes along with open TLD's like .org and the like which do rather provide an alternative name space than an unique identifier.

We believe the .gay TLD operated by dotgay LLC will create a name space for entities within the LGBTIQIA+ community with the necessary community input and oversight, thus creating a quality mark and a much needed safe space for a marginalised community and not just another commercialised TLD serving primarily the adult entertainment industry at the cost of people not appearing to be 'the norm'.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTIQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

With blessings,



Robert Bayer  
on behalf of the Church Council of GHMCC  
robert@goodhopemcc.org

**Good Hope Metropolitan  
Community Church**

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**Nederlandse vereniging tot integratie  
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The Hague, 2 August 2013

Dear Sir, Madam,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top level domain (TLD).

COC Haaglanden (COC The Hague region) is one of the regional COC-organizations in The Netherlands. As the local The Hague chapter, COC Haaglanden was founded in 1947, being the second COC in the country.

Over the years COC Haaglanden evolved into a regional LGBT-organization active in the nine municipalities that make up the The Hague region.

We believe that .gay TLD will strengthen the LGBTIQ community as a whole. Being a regional organization, we are convinced that through .gay we can provide visitors to our region with better information about events, places to visit, and health.

Also we think it is possible to find and exchange 'best practices' with other local and regional LGBT-organizations, thus building a network of local and regional organizations with the aim of strengthening the 'grass root' emancipation of the LGBTIQ community

Since 'gay' is a very common and widely accepted umbrella term, which at the same time happens to be an all-inclusive and politically correct word, we fully support dotgay LLC's initiative to suggest it as a community TLD.

We support the dotgay LLC in creating a business model for the .gay TLD with the community in mind and we believe it will receive a great support of the LGBTIQ non-profit community, business community, advertisers, the media and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely,

  
Harry Derksen  
chairman of the board

COC Haaglanden

  
Maxim van Ooijen  
chairman Working Group for Politics and  
International Affairs  
COC Haaglanden

October 5, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter in support of dotgay, LLC and its application for the “.gay” top-level-domain (TLD).

Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth (LIGALY) is a Long Island, New York based not-for-profit organization providing education, advocacy, and social support services to Long Island's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) youth and young adults, and all youth, young adults, and their families for whom sexuality, sexual identity, gender identity, and HIV/AIDS are an issue. LIGALY provides a safe space for GLBT youth and empowers GLBT and straight-ally youth to create change in their schools and communities.

We believe that TLDs such as the proposed .gay best serve their intended purpose when the target community has a certain level of control over a particular domain. dotgay, LLC understands the needs of the GLBT community and is fully committed to partnering with GLBT non-profits to ensure that the .gay TLD is used widely and effectively.

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We fully support dotgay, LLC's application for the .gay TLD and look forward to working with them to integrate this TLD into our existing and future web-based strategies.

Sincerely,



David Kilmnick, PhD, MSW  
Chief Executive Officer



### Gay Business & Business Networks

To expand the previous list of community-based business networks and chambers of commerce in support of dotgay LLC's community model, we are including additional letters from local, regional and national chambers. This includes Spain's national association DiverSpain as well as city chambers from Madrid, Sydney, Indianapolis and Canada's provincial chamber in Ontario. New community center support has also expanded to facilities in China, Italy, South Africa and the United States, with additional offerings coming from the LGBT committee of UK's Fire Brigade Union and the diversity office of North Dakota State University.



**CAMARA DE COMERCIO LGBT DE ESPAÑA**  
**SPAIN LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (SGLCC)**

Reg. General Asoc. Gobierno de España, Grupo 1, Secc. 1, Numero 597644

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

**DiverSpain** is a Non-Profit Organization that serves as the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Spain.

We provide services such as networking between associates, market research, fund-raising events, conventions, educational programs – among other activities – for associated Spanish companies and international companies who have activities or interest in the Spanish LGBT Market.

We also serve as interlocutor with the Spanish national institutions – including many Ministries, the Spanish National Tourism Board and other government-related companies – in areas that affect the Spanish LGBT community.

**DiverSpain** has also manages the LGBT area of the web-sites of many of these institutions.

We currently count with over 30 associates from all kinds of industries (both LGBT and mainstream interested in the LGBT market) operating or interested in the Spanish LGBT community.

We fully support creating the .gay TLD as we believe it would help identifying what our company, those working with us as well as the rest of the companies and organizations who are working hard for the LGBT market are about, as well as facilitating the creation of a sense of community.

We believe the terms “gay” and “gay friendly” have been progressively misused in the last few years for opportunistic reasons by companies who really don't know much or even nothing about the LGBT community. Almost exclusively the LGBT community really knows what they like, need or pursue. Therefore we believe the .gay TLD should be operated by the LGBT community, who will have a better knowledge on who is worthy of getting assigned a .gay domain.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Juan Pedro Tudela  
Secretario General

**DiverSpain** [www.DiverSpain.org](http://www.DiverSpain.org)





1 September 2013

Dear Dr Crocker, Mr Chehade, and ICANN Directors,  
Re.: Creation of '.gay' TLD

On behalf of the Directors of the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Business Association Incorporated, we write in support of ICANN's consideration to create the '.gay' top level domain (TLD). Established in 1981, the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Business Association Incorporated (SGLBA) is a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation with over 400 members, and over 2000 subscribers. It is dedicated to the professional support and development of gay men and lesbians throughout Sydney and beyond. We aim to increase corporate and individual business opportunities for our members through regular networking business and social events and the promotion of gays and lesbians in the wider business community.

Additionally, we work closely with many of the other leading and long-established LGBTQI organisations in our community, so collectively; our reach is into the tens of thousands both within Sydney and beyond.

The creation of the .gay TLD would benefit both the SGLBA and many of our member businesses. In one of the most gay-populous and gay-friendly cities in the world, it would allow our members to clearly identify themselves from other businesses. In a competitive market such as Sydney, a clear distinction from competitors is a key element to the success of a business. Indeed I am confident it would be widely adopted throughout the LGBTQI community across Australia.

It is only logical that such a community-specific TLD should be operated by the community itself. Who better to promote and advocate the TLD's adoption than the very community which it represents? We think this is an essential element to its success.

SLGBA supports dotgay LLC in creating a business for .gay with the community in mind, and believe this model will receive strong support from all segments of the community and beyond, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mark Haines  
President  
Sydney Gay & Lesbian Business Association Inc.

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October 10, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Established in 1999 to give exposure to the "hidden" segment of the business community, the Ontario Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (OGLCC) is the largest not-for-profit corporation in Ontario for LGBT businesses comprised of LGBT and LGBT-supportive business owners and professionals. Our goal is to provide events and programs to promote business opportunities for our Chamber members.

The Chamber provides visibility to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered businesses and their allies so that their businesses may develop, grow, and prosper. This is done through networking, education, community involvement, and advocacy.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

We also believe that GAY is the best umbrella term for the community TLD because of it being the most commonly accepted, politically correct and all-inclusive term.

Sincerely,

Ryan Tollofson  
President  
Ontario Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (OGLCC)



**CAMARA DE COMERCIO LGBT DE MADRID**  
**MADRID LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MGLCC)**

Reg. Asoc. Com. Madrid nº 31949

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August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

**DiversMad** is a Non-Profit Organization that serves as the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Madrid, Spain.

We provide services such as networking between associates, market research, fund-raising events, conventions, educational programs – among other activities – for associates of the Region of Madrid.

We also serve as interlocutor with the institutions of the Region of Madrid in areas that affect the LGBT community.

**DiversMad** has also managed the creation of the LGBT Product Club of the City Hall of Madrid.

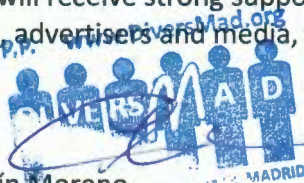
We currently count with over 40 associates from all kinds of industries (both LGBT and mainstream interested in the LGBT market) operating in the Region of Madrid.

We fully support creating the .gay TLD as we believe it would help identifying what our company, those working with us as well as the rest of the companies and organizations who are working hard for the LGBT market are about, as well as facilitating the creation of a sense of community.

We believe the terms “gay” and “gay friendly” have been progressively misused in the last few years for opportunistic reasons by companies who really don't know much or even nothing about the LGBT community. Almost exclusively the LGBT community really knows what they like, need or pursue. Therefore we believe the .gay TLD should be operated by the LGBT community, who will have a better knowledge on who is worthy of getting assigned a .gay domain.

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Sincerely,



David Martín Moreno  
President **DiversMad** [www.DiversMad.org](http://www.DiversMad.org)





September 16, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

As the Indianapolis Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is the leading organization representing and promoting the interests of thousands of LGBT business community owners, operators and allies in Central Indiana, we believe that the .gay TLD, under appropriate community-oriented stewardship, can and should help the LGBT community self-identify to – and align its interests with – Web visitors seeking such identification.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Chenoweth  
Chairman  
Indianapolis Rainbow Chamber of Commerce

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THE FIRE BRIGADES UNION  
**LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL & TRANS NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

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Matt Wrack General Secretary

8 August 2012

Dear Dr Crocker, Mr Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is our understanding that you shall shortly be considering the creation of a .gay top-level-domain (TDL) and with this you must make the important decision of who should hold responsibility for the facilitation of such a domain.

Our union represents over 42,000 members which accounts for the majority of firefighters in the United Kingdom. I am the democratically elected representative mandated with the representation of the members who identify as Lesbian, Gay Bisexual or Trans.

Our committee within the FBU has worked for over 15 years to advance understanding and promotion of LGBT Equality and recognise common barriers. Confidence in individuals to discuss and engage on issues around their sexuality with others they feel have no empathy with them is a common example. We firmly believe that a domain titled .gay should be for the use of the promotion of credible LGBT organisations for access by LGBT people and their straight allies and should be run by people who identify as LGBT.

Although LGBT is the current term our organisation uses but we recognise that when the word Gay is more widely recognised for accessing services to our community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay and strongly believe they receive the wider support of the LGBT community in there bid.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Carberry  
Secretary National Lesbian Gat Bisexual Trans Committee  
Fire Brigades Union



Beijing, April 11 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

On behalf of the Beijing LGBT Center, we submit this letter of support for ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Beijing LGBT Center is a non-profit, service-oriented activity space that provides a platform for the advancement of China's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. The Center offers a variety of activities and programs that achieve three main goals: (1) provide safe, accredited mental health services to LGBT individuals from licensed mental health counselors; (2) advocate for equal rights and educate greater Chinese society about the LGBT community; and (3) promote the culture and history of our community. The mission of the LGBT Center is to empower China's LGBT community to live rewarding lives unconstrained by sexuality, gender, or other identities.

As the Internet evolves, its ability to harness information and facilitate knowledge and information sharing is helping LGBT communities more than ever to provide an internationally supportive network. The .gay domain would be an invaluable tool for the LGBT community, particularly in China where the level of anonymity provided by the Internet is a lifeline for some members of our LGBT community.

As of today, .gay has garnered endorsements from a wide swath of LGBT organizations, including United Nations accredited LGBT organizations. By granting .gay as a TLD, these communities will be better able to build a common community and allow millions around the world to advance their businesses, interactions, and communal networks across national boundaries. The Beijing LGBT Center therefore wholeheartedly supports dotgay LLC and their community-focused business model for the .gay domain.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Leonelli'.

Stephen Leonelli  
Development & Operations Director  
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TO:  
**Dr. Crocker**  
**Mr. Beckstrom**  
**Members of the ICANN Board**

**Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,**

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Our association Gay LGBT Center pillowcase different associations in Italy, and the purpose of giving or community facilities in order to provide support services centers and houses reception, currently manages the national toll-free numbers against homofobia Gay Help Line has a central structure for group activities and counseling that is home to about 200 people at the same time, plus a number of branches of the member associations.

Dotgay LLC should be applauded for being the only company (with the goal of creating and managing a TLD for the gay community) that considered a substantial and committed give back to the community in their business model. As a community with a long history of taking care of its own, generating funds and resources from its own members in times of need, it is refreshing to know that dotgay LLC put the gay community first by offering a minimum of 67% of the profits from domain sales. This will make a tremendous difference to a community that is often neglected or overlooked by traditional chains of funding. We support dotgay LLC and their community application for .gay

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD. Sincerely,



**Il Legale Rappresentante (Fabrizio Marrazzo)**





Durban Lesbian & Gay Community & Health Centre  
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24 July 2013

## **LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ICANN'S CONSIDERATION TO CREATE .GAY TOP-LEVEL-DOMAIN (TLD)**

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013, representatives from the Durban Lesbian and Gay Community and Health Centre had the pleasure of attending an exciting, focused and relevant presentation by dot.gay LLC. **On behalf of the Durban Lesbian and Gay Community and Health Centre, I am pleased to send this letter in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).**

It is unfortunate that South Africa as in many other countries across the continent and the world, queer organisations, business, service providers, groups and individuals are not linked to a common source of database, or virtual resource centre. We believe this initiative by ICANN would provide a great deal of useful information and support toward achieving a different and more effective reality in this regard.

As background, the Durban Lesbian and Gay Community and Health Centre was established on 9 August 2000 to empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities by providing services, training and support to enable them to claim their rights to equality, dignity and freedom. To this end, we provide **Personal Counseling**; Youth and Community Wellbeing; **Sexual Health Education & Research**; Mainstream Training and Materials Development; **Build Consciousness**; Human Rights Education & Advocacy (Incl. Youth Leadership); **Networking & Coalition Building**; MOSAIC MEN'S CLINIC (HCT and Barrier Method Distribution). We also organise Durban Pride, Queer Talent Show, Fashion and Hair Show and Miss Gay Durban. These aim at showcasing queer people's abilities beyond how we present themselves or who we are in intimate relationships with. To this end, the Durban Centre manages relevant websites, and other social networks like facebook and twitter to stay in touch. While not membership based, we reach more than 5000 people annually through our programs.

We believe it is critical to have the **.gay TLD**, or any other TLD designed for the LGBTQIA+ (Queer) community operated by the community. It instils a sense of safety, trust and belonging which is normally taken for granted in the main stream and sometimes confused with or simply included in customer care.

The Durban Lesbian and Gay Community and Health Centre supports **dotgay LLC** in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Nonhlanhla MC Mkhize  
**Executive Director/Human Rights Education and Advocacy Officer**

**OUR VISION: To empower the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community by providing services, support and training to enable them to claim their rights to equality, dignity and freedom within the context of transformation.**

# THE CENTER

October 4, 2013

Mr. Fadi Chehadé  
President and CEO  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90094-2536

Dear Mr. Chehadé and the ICANN Board:

There is no question of my support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center is at the heart of the LGBT community in New York City, providing quality health and wellness programs in a welcoming space that fosters connections and celebrates our cultural contributions. The Center provides a secure place to come together and plan, share knowledge and expertise, and to shape our future as a vibrant community in New York and around the world. Founded in 1983, and celebrating over 30 years as a leader among the national LGBT Community Center network it would be a benefit to the millions of LGBTQ identifying people to come together at .gay.

The community finds its strength as a united constituency and with a top-level-domain identified by and for the gay community it is my belief that this opportunity will make it easier and safer for LGBT identifying individuals to collectively help each other and thrive as a contributing community.

With that said, it is imperative that .gay be operated by the community. While all allies will be welcome it is crucial that the .gay voice be curated by the community itself (again for the safety and inclusion that only comes from direct authenticity of identifying as LGBTQ).

I support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this idea will garner strong support from the entire LGBTQIA= service and the non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and the media. Most important it will attract the many many many individuals who are a part of the community and hence creating a strong and proud TLD.

Thank you for the consideration.



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gaycenter.org



September 25, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Pride Center of the Capital Region is dedicated to serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in the Capital Region. Based in Albany, the Pride Center has been meeting the diverse needs of LGBT people in a ten county region since 1970. Our programs, both at the Pride Center and throughout the Capital Region, meet the health and human service needs of the LGBT community. Through a combination of support, education and advocacy, the Pride Center's programs directly serve 15,000 people every year and educate over 7,500 community members on the needs of LGBTQ people. As the oldest continuously-operating LGBT community center in the country, the Pride Center has worked to build a welcoming and empowering community for all people.

At the Pride Center of the Capital Region, we maintain function and effectiveness by fully investing in the LGBT community. The .gay TLD will further benefit the LGBT community and the services in which they are provided. Therefore, the Pride Center of the Capital Region gives full support to the new .gay business model.

The term, "gay", is the best umbrella term for the community TLD because it is the most commonly accepted and politically correct term. For visibility purposes, "gay" is the best option as the new community TLD.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curran Streett", written over a white background.

Curran Streett  
Interim Executive Director  
The Pride Center of the Capital Region

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY





**Rainbow Serenity**

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Rainbow Serenity is Northwest Indiana's LGBT Community Center. Our work is in a broad range of age groups from young to senior populations as well as offering programs and services to the public varying from support groups, public events, workplace trainings, and much more. We say we are Northwest Indiana's LGBT Community Center but we also provide services both nationally and internationally through email, phone, our websites, and social media outlets. With over 1,000 people currently connected through combined social media outlets, we provide non-stop services 24/7.

By providing services to a community that is currently "swept under the rug" and hidden by the majority of the world's population, we feel that having a .gay would help those looking for resources. In addition, those that are in need of services like ours would be able to find Rainbow Serenity and other organizations similar to us with ease.

We believe that the .gay TLD, or any other TLD designed for the LGBTQIA+ community should be operated by the community. One example would be, there are organizations out there that pose as LGBTQIA friendly but their true intentions are to infiltrate and try to "change" the LGBTQIA populations with wrong information driven by personal beliefs. Thereby spreading homophobia and discrimination. We feel that by keeping the .gay TLD and any other TLD designed for the LGBTQIA operated by the community would help ensure the integrity of the information provided to the public, true and unaltered.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Brandon Wagman  
Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder  
Rainbow Serenity, Ltd.

October 5, 2012

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter in support of dotgay LLC and its application for the “.gay” top-level-domain (TLD).

The Long Island GLBT Community Center (The Center) is a Long Island, New York based not-for-profit organization that provides a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of the GLBT community; cares for individuals and groups in need; educates the public about the GLBT community; and empowers GLBT individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential. The Center’s goals are to address health disparities, build community, and empower GLBT adults and families, particularly for those most underserved. The Center views addressing heterosexism, homophobia and transphobia as central to its work in meeting its mission.

We believe that TLDs such as the proposed .gay best serve their intended purpose when the target community has a certain level of control over a particular domain. dotgay LLC understands the needs of the GLBT community and is fully committed to partnering with GLBT non-profits to ensure that the .gay TLD is used widely and effectively.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies evolve, the Internet and new TLD’s like .gay will lend strong support to link GLBT people and resources.

We fully support dotgay LLC’s application for the .gay TLD and look forward to working with them to integrate this TLD into our existing and future web-based strategies.

Sincerely,



David Kilmnick, PhD, MSW  
Chief Executive Officer



*Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach**NDSU Dept. 1010  
205 Old Main, P.O. Box 6050  
Fargo, ND 58108-6050*

August 15, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

I am the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach at North Dakota State University (NDSU), located in Fargo, North Dakota. NDSU is the land-grant university in our state with an enrollment of more than 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students. We are one of the largest employers in our community. Recently, we achieved "Research Universities/Very High Research Activity" ranking by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education. In addition to this prestigious distinction, NDSU was the first university in our state to provide protections from discrimination for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual or ally (LGBTQIA+) students, faculty and staff. We continue to be a leader within the state university system in terms of education and support for members of the LGBTQIA+ community who choose to work and study at the university. Our university's leadership in addressing the needs and concerns of our LGBTQIA+ community members is a source of great pride for me, as we continue to seek opportunities to create more diverse and supportive environments in which to work and study, environments that better reflect the demographics of our society.

I am pleased to add my institution's support for this initiative to create a .gay TLD. My understanding is that by doing this, we can ensure that .gay will be run by the LGBTQ community, rather than becoming a tool used by those seeking to profit from the LGBTQIA+ community. While the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to find the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional has been an important victory for us all, it is evident that backlash continues to plague the LGBTQ community. Some of the critical elements that will come with a .gay TLD that I am most supportive of relate to the ability to regulate abuse and misuse, restricting registration to those who are members of the gay community, and the potential for involvement of members of the gay community in developing policy and regulation. These benefits are unavailable without the .gay TLD distinction – but are so incredibly important to members of the gay community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,



Eveadean M. Myers, J.D.

Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach  
North Dakota State University

## Gay Media

Ongoing communication with the gay media has furthered the level of awareness and coverage of the new gTLD program within the Gay Community, drawing the attention and further support for dotgay LLC's community application. Included in the list of new endorsements is the National Gay Media Association, the largest LGBT media association of its kind in the United States, along with America's best-selling lesbian magazine and other media outlets in Asia, Africa and Europe.





September 9, 2013

**Founder**

Rivendell Media

**Founding Members**

Bay Area Reporter

Bay Windows

Between The Lines

Dallas Voice

GA Voice

Gay City News

Washington Blade

Windy City Times

RE: .gay (TLD)

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with enthusiasm that we write this note of support of ICANN'S consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The National Gay Media Association is a group of the leading LGBT newspapers in the United States. We have a combined circulation including web presence of about 1 million and we are in the process of adding other publications as members.

We feel that only a community application works best for a domain of this unique type and dotgay LLC is an organization of people that have long been working in the LGBT community and are well respected.

When considering a TLD that is designed for a specific community it seems only right that its operation should come from within the same community and of course linked with individuals that have a long history of working together with the organizations that bring our LGBTQIA+ community together.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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Todd Evans, Chairman

National Gay Media Association



# curve®

THE BEST-SELLING LESBIAN MAGAZINE

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Curve, the nation's best-selling lesbian magazine, spotlights all that is fresh, funny, exciting, controversial and cutting-edge in our community. Curve reaches over 250 000 lesbians every month across North America and has been publishing over 24 years!

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Silke Bader

CEO & Publisher  
Avalon Media LLC



LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DOTGAY LLC

Amsterdam, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

We are a European based publishing group that publishes a number of high-end gay lifestyle magazines among which Winq and Mate magazine which sell worldwide in different languages. The reach of our publications is still growing, both in print and digital, despite a decline market. We use our online presence not only towards our gay readership but also to all the mainstream advertisers and media partners that we work with.

To have a .gay TLD would be not only effective for us, in operating our different magazines, but also has importance as a statement to the non-gay world we live in. We, gay people, are still fighting for equal rights everywhere around the world. And yes we are a minority but having a .gay TLD shows the world we are here, in large numbers and to be taken seriously.

Winq magazine warmly supports dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with our community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,



Remco Teppema, publisher  
remco@winq.com

Mate Media Group  
Winq Media BV  
Gay Krant BV





8 August 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD). OUT in Thailand Magazine has 40,000 readers in Thailand and the online version has now been downloaded in more than 90 countries worldwide and we feel that the .gay TLD would help us to be more easily found on the internet.

Gay is the best umbrella term for the community TLD because of it being the most commonly accepted, politically correct and all-inclusive term.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

James Barnes  
Editor-in-chief  
OUT in Thailand Magazine

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T. Thasala  
A. Muang  
Chiang Mai  
Thailand 50000



July 8, 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

EDGE is the largest news and entertainment network for the LGBT community, with 1.2 million readers around the globe.

A .gay TLD would provide a consolidated "home" for our community on the Internet, and as such would be a valuable asset for it.

Such an asset, however, must be protected from those who would seek to profit from it, rather than utilize it with respect to a community that has already been politically trampled and continues to fight against oppression and intolerance worldwide.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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David Foucher, Chief Executive Officer  
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Resources: [www.iamgay.co.za](http://www.iamgay.co.za) & [www.iamlesbian.co.za](http://www.iamlesbian.co.za) Buddy Support: [www.iamgay.org.za](http://www.iamgay.org.za)

Support and Info: [info@iamgay.co.za](mailto:info@iamgay.co.za) or [info@iamlesbian.co.za](mailto:info@iamlesbian.co.za)

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Thursday, 18 July 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and members of the ICANN Board.

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The I Am Gay network that provide free resource to the GLBTI Community. Whether you a parent of a gay person, a gay friend or simply want to know about gay life. IAmGay dedicated to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and inter-sex communities in South Africa and Internationally. Reduce homophobia in our society and offer continuous free resources to parents, family members, friends or anyone who is just interested in learning more about Gay Life.

**Memberships Statistics:**

**Newsletter subscriptions:** +- 3000 subscribers.

**Facebook Page:** 2400 members

(<https://www.facebook.com/iamgay.co.za?ref=hl>)

**National registered Buddy Support:** 20 members nationally. (Volunteer Counseling)

([www.iamgay.org.za](http://www.iamgay.org.za))

Our mission is to provide free resources to the GLBT community and would like to make use of the .gay TLD to promote our organisation to reach more individuals in South Africa and Afrika.

We also currently know for our sponsorship with website to promote other GLBT initiatives in South Africa, such as:

[www.pflagsouthafrica.org](http://www.pflagsouthafrica.org)  
[www.pflag-southafrica.org.za](http://www.pflag-southafrica.org.za)  
[www.iamgay.co.za](http://www.iamgay.co.za)  
[www.iamgay.org.za](http://www.iamgay.org.za)  
[www.iamlesbian.co.za](http://www.iamlesbian.co.za)  
[www.sowetopride.co.za](http://www.sowetopride.co.za)  
[www.limpopolgbtproudlyout.co.za](http://www.limpopolgbtproudlyout.co.za)  
[www.ekurhulenipride.co.za](http://www.ekurhulenipride.co.za)  
[www.thegayplanner.co.za](http://www.thegayplanner.co.za)

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**iamgay.co.za**



Resources: [www.iamgay.co.za](http://www.iamgay.co.za) & [www.iamlesbian.co.za](http://www.iamlesbian.co.za) Buddy Support: [www.iamgay.org.za](http://www.iamgay.org.za)

Support and Info: [info@iamgay.co.za](mailto:info@iamgay.co.za) or [info@iamlesbian.co.za](mailto:info@iamlesbian.co.za)

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We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and my individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Ezra Steenkamp

Director of IAmGay.co.za

IAmGay (Trading under "Born this way" NGO)

*The "I Am Gay" network that provide free resource to the GLBTI Community. Whether you a parent of a gay person, a gay friend or simply want to know about gay life. IAmGay.co.za dedicated to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and inter-sex communities in South Africa and Internationally. Reduce homophobia in our society and offer continuous free resources to parents, family members, friends or anyone who is just interested in learning more about Gay Life.*

## Gay Travel and Entertainment

As the financial impact of the gay community begins to catch the attention of the world, it can in part be contributed to the years of work building and organizing products and services that directly speak to the Gay Community. From small businesses owners to festival organizers, along with national and international associations focused on the Gay Community, they have all become interwoven into the fabric of the community.

GLISA is an international leader in sports and human rights, organizing the World OutGames which celebrates sport, culture and human rights. The City Hall of Sao Paulo has also recognized the important of the Gay Community, creating a distinct segment within their board of tourism to address the needs of the community. Additional festivals and businesses in the Czech Republic, France, South Africa, Spain and the United States have also added their support to a community-based approach for .gay.



**From:** Board of Gay & Lesbian International Sport Association  
**To:** ICANN Board  
**Date:** 12 September 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

We write to support your consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain.

The Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) is a democratically governed, international association of LGBT sport and human rights organizations from around the world.

Modeled after existing multi-sport organizations, GLISA's members are international sporting federations, human rights organizations, continental associations representing sport teams and clubs from the major regions of the world, host cities of GLISA's World OutGames, and other organizations that support the mandate of GLISA. - See more at: <http://www.glisa.org> .

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support in relevant non-profit segments, business communities, advertisers and media as well as many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

With very best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Vaudrin', written in a cursive style.

Daniel Vaudrin  
President  
Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association





São Paulo, June 22nd, 2012

**To:**  
**ICANN**  
**International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers**


Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed community-based .gay top-level-domain (TLD) outlined by dotgay LLC.

São Paulo Turismo S/A (SPTuris) is the official tourism board of the city of São Paulo, Brazil and has the mission to position and to promote the city of São Paulo as the capital of business, knowledge and entertainment of Latin American, highlighting its cutting edge and cultural character, seeking to consolidate it as a tourist destination. Sao Paulo Tourism is a publicly traded company whose majority shareholder is the City Hall of São Paulo.

At the LGBT segment, São Paulo is a consolidated destination, having for instance, the biggest Pride Parade in the world. Support of the gay community in São Paulo is integral to our success at promoting our great city as a welcoming and desirable destination for all members of the gay community. The .gay TLD and the travel related index system proposed by dotgay LLC will be a valuable tool for all members of the gay community, as well as for São Paulo Turismo, and their commitment to donate 67% of domain registration profits back to the gay community is a pointed statement about their community-based approach.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe that "gay" is the best and most globally understood umbrella term. We also believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

  
Marisa Marrocos  
Marketing Manager – City of São Paulo  
São Paulo Turismo S/A  
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**KwaZulu-Natal Gay & Lesbian Tourism Association** ( Non-Profit Organisation Registration 096 435 NPO )  
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31 July 2013

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NEW .GAY TLD AND THE APPLICATION BY DOTGAY LLC

It is both with enthusiasm and a sense of community spirit that we are writing you in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed **.gay** top-level-domain (TLD).

KZNGALTA was established to promote the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal, home to the city of Durban and the venue of your most recent ICANN meeting (#47), and is a registered non-profit community organization in our country. We work closely with the provincial tourism authorities, South African Tourism, as well as local gay and gay-friendly business and LGBTI organizations, representing an estimated 500,000+ fellow LGBTI citizens in this region.

Having a **.gay** TLD not only represents a tremendous advancement in human and equal rights for LGBTI people globally, but serves a practical community purpose as well, allowing out-and-proud organizations and businesses the opportunity to affiliate themselves with what will become, in our estimation, one of the most proactive and successful online communities associated with any TLD globally. It will provide political and social standing at a time of greater injustice and the upkeep of "the last acceptable prejudice".

Furthermore, it is of great importance to our community that the company responsible for **.gay** has our interests at heart. **DotGay LLC** is, based on our research and interactions with them, the ideal candidate for this role.

On behalf of our board and members, we support **DotGay LLC** in creating a business model for **.gay** with the community in mind and believe that this model will receive positive and growing support of LGBTI community organizations, business, advertisers and media, not to mention many individuals as well.

Yours Faithfully,

Jason JL Fiddler  
Chairperson





Orlando, June 22, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom & Members of the ICANN Board,

Our organization and its sister ones are extremely excited at ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .GAY top-level-domain (TLD).

Come Out With Pride Orlando is a 501.3 non profit organization that oversees the planning and implementation of the annual Orlando LGBT Pride celebration. In addition, our mission includes supporting the LGBT community and its allies through grants, scholarships and a series of conferences & Seminars. Being able to have access to a .GAY domain name would allow for greater exposure for our organization, its purpose and its main mission. When searching for Gay organization and services, the word "GAY" is the most commonly used terms. It has also become extremely well accepted in the community and beyond. This term is becoming widely used to define the LGBT community at large. It would definitely provide us an extensive way to receive exposure and define our organization as GAY.

After personally meeting with dotgay LLC, we support their endeavor in creating a business model for .GAY with the community in mind, and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service, non profit and business community as well as advertisers, media outlets and countless individuals who will feel fully part of society through the implementation of a strong .GAY LTD.

Sincerely,

**Mikael Frank Audebert**  
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The Durban Gay & Lesbian Film Festival 2013 is a project of benefit to the KZNSA & KZNGALTA  
KwaZulu-Natal Society of Arts (KZNSA) is a registered non-profit organization, (004-833 NPO), and is registered with SARS  
as a Public Benefit Organization (PBO) 18/11/13/2597. KZN Gay & Lesbian Tourism Association is a registered non-profit organization (096-435 NPO).

31 July 2013

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I am enthusiastically writing you in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed **.gay** top-level-domain (TLD).

The DGLFF is the first and currently only city-based LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex) film festival in Africa. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual screenings of the DGLFF took place this last June 2013. We bring to our city feature films, documentaries and shorts from across the world and have had growing support in terms of international LGBTI filmmakers seeking new audiences, whilst local audiences are able to broaden their horizons through the power of cinema and the various workshops that we run.

As a socially conscious and politically active project, having a **.gay** TLD not only represents a tremendous advancement in human and equal rights for LGBTI people globally, but serves a practical community purpose as well, allowing out-and-proud organizations and businesses the opportunity to affiliate themselves with what will become, in our estimation, one of the most proactive and successful online communities associated with any TLD globally. It will provide political and social standing at a time of greater injustice and the upkeep of "the last acceptable prejudice".

Furthermore, it is of great importance to our community that the company responsible for **.gay** has our interests at heart. **DotGay LLC** is, based on our research and interactions with them, the ideal candidate for this role.

I strongly support **DotGay LLC** in creating a business model for **.gay** with the community in mind and believe that this model will receive positive and growing support of LGBTI community organizations, business, advertisers and media, not to mention many individuals as well.

Yours in pink cinema,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Fiddler", written in a cursive style.

**Jason JL Fiddler**  
Festival Director



"Knowledge with fun"

Prague4gay  
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28<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Prague4gay is a gay owned guiding agency that has been serving visitors to Prague since 2005.

As well as providing web based information for gay visitors to Prague we specialize in exclusive customized tours of Prague and around the Czech Republic. We also take great pride in our community based work.

.gay is the perfect umbrella that encapsulates the entire spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community and is one to which everyone within the community can associate.

The advantages of the .gay TLD go far beyond what it can bring to any one company, especially if ran for the benefit of the entire LGBTQ community.

It is with this in mind that Prague4gay wholeheartedly supports the model proposed by Dotgay LLC which will unite gay communities across the globe and provide a legacy that will last long into the future with untold benefits, something a solely commercially based organization will not achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Sage", written in a cursive style.

Trevor Sage  
Co-Director

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Fecha, 11.11.2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Chehade and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

We are a small company at Gran Canaria, Spain. We are proud gay business with an open mind to all people on the planet. But our main clientele is gay. Because we work in the travel business.

The main reason for supporting the .gay TLD is, that we think, the .gay TLD's are a perfect TLD for the Gay Community and the Gay-Business alone. Not for the Marketers and „Gayfriendly“ Business ! Only the real GAY-Businesses should get the chance for the .gay TLD. For our business it could be a great chance to place a perfect TLD in the internet.

Also we think that GAY is a special world and should be an umbrella for the Gay-Businesses in the www, because Gay is the commonly accepted and political correct word to describe the Businesses in the World.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

GayTravelTeam.com / Pixado-Base

**Mr. Thomas Fröhling , co owner**

Nuestros Productos / Unsere Produkte / Our Products:



Informáticas y Multimedia



Gaymap



Travelservice for Gay's



Discounts around the World



Portal for the Island



Hotelreservation Worldwide



Paris, 26th of July 2013

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It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

mygaytrip.com is the first european LGBT participatory travel website. mygaytrip.com is like a LGBT tripadvisor.

Having a .gay is very important to us to strengthen our LGBT position.

It's also important for us that the .gay TLD, or any other TLD designed for the LGBTQIA+ community should be operated by the community. They will be able to monitor that opportunists will not buy .gay.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQIA+ service and non-profit segments, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Marc DEDONDER  
CEO  
mygaytrip.com







June 26, 2012

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Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

I am President of Story Center Productions, LLC, a film production company based in Washington, DC. We are in the process of distributing a new film about the life, death, and legacy of Alan Turing. As you probably know, he is one of the most important people of the last century. Turing also happened to be gay.

Alan Turing profoundly changed our world. Historians say his World War II code breaking helped save two million lives by shortening the war two years. He also founded three new scientific fields: computer science, artificial intelligence, and morphogenesis. In 1952, British police arrested him for having a relationship with another man. Eventually he was forced to undergo chemical castration to "fix" his sexual orientation. Two years after his arrest, Turing killed himself at age 41. Distribution plans for CODEBREAKER can be tracked at <http://www.turingfilm.com/>. This film eventually will reach millions of viewers around the world through broadcast, digital, DVD, and theatrical release.

I support the creation of the .gay TLD because it will benefit the LGBT community. It will foster community involvement, facilitate commerce, and make it easier for people to find organizations and businesses that serve the LGBT community.

It makes sense to have .gay as a TLD because GAY is the most inclusive and user-friendly term for the LGBT community. It often is used as a simple description for the entire community. It's commonly accepted shorthand for the broader LGBT community, so this all-inclusive term is in no way politically incorrect.

I support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. Sammon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

Patrick J. Sammon  
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