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Subject: Letter of support for the Restricted Use of the Top Level Domains, “.INC” and “.LLC”
“.CORP”, and “.LLP”

To Whom It May Concern:

The Missouri Secretary of State’s Office is charged with overseeing the business formation process for the formation of corporations, limited liability companies, non-profit companies, professional associations, and several other types of business structures, as well as the maintenance of Missouri’s database relating to the aforementioned business entities. The businesses registered with this office are members of the larger community of corporations authorized to conduct business in the United States.

We understand that the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”) is in the process of reviewing applications that refer to the business entity designations of INC, LLC, LLP and CORP. With the growing national concern related to fraudulent business registration, business identity theft, and online consumer protection, this office believes that these strings should be issued under a community designation of companies that are registered with the Secretary of State or equivalent agency in order to protect both the members of this community and consumers at large.

Our office believes that specific restrictions and policies should be in place to protect the community of U.S. businesses and to ensure that these extensions are representative of members of their respective communities as verified through their Secretary of State’s Office. Further, this office does not support the use of the strings, “.INC” and “.LLC” “.CORP”, and “.LLP” without restrictions that protect this important community of registered US Businesses.

Sincerely,

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