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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to inform you that ICANN is violating its Bylaws, specifically Section 2.2 RESTRICTIONS, which prohibit ICANN from acting as a registrar. Importantly, this prohibition was established by the U.S. federal government at ICANN's inception and offers no exceptions. Despite this longstanding and unambiguous prohibition, ICANN's iana.org website states that, "we act as both the registrant and registrar for a select number of domain names which have been reserved under policy grounds."

As you know, ICANN's primary governance mechanism of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) is through the contracting process that it administers with registry operators and registrars on behalf of Internet users worldwide. Accordingly, since at least 2000, ICANN's contractual agreements with registry operators have contained provisions reserving certain specified domain names from initial registration. Thus, ICANN's holding of domain name registrations by acting as "registrant and registrar" is specious and superfluous.

ICANN's continuing violation of its Bylaws is shameful and demonstrates the extent to which this organization's priorities have become misaligned from its core mission of serving the public interest. A formal complaint has been filed with the California Attorney General which you will find attached to this letter and I will continue exercising my rights under the U.S. Constitution by bringing greater attention to ICANN's Bylaws violations and petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

The only acceptable response to this correspondence is the immediate and unconditional cessation of ICANN's self-serving contravention of its Bylaws.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Thomas
Founder

