



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Mark Ritchie

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Dot Registry
208 W. 19th St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that the State of Minnesota, Office of the Secretary of State, is charged with regulating and protecting Corporations registered in the State of Minnesota. The companies 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") will be accepting applications for new web extensions this year. This office has been informed that companies, such as DOT Registry, LLC, will be applying for the strings, ".INC" and ".LLC." With restrictions that are intended to protect U.S. companies that are registered with the Secretaries of State.

We believe that such strings should only be issued to companies that are registered with a Secretary of State. Our office believes that such restrictions are integral to these strings and will object to the use of the strings, ".INC" and ".LLC." without restrictions.

Sincerely,

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

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State