

Secretary of State
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

February 10, 2012

DOT Registry, LLC 208 W 19<sup>th</sup> St Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Subject:

Letter of support for the Restricted Use of the Top Level Domains "INC"

and "LLC"

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter confirms that the State of Rhode Island, Office of the Secretary of State, is charged with monitoring corporate filings and protecting corporate registrations in the State of Rhode Island. The corporate entities 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 Secretary of State.

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

A. Ralph Mollis

Sincerely,

Secretary of State