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The Honorable Michael D. Gallagher
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Dear Ambassador Gross and Assistant Secretary Gallagher:

We are writing in support of the United States position on Internet governance as the United States delegation heads to Geneva for the Preparatory Committee for the United Nation's World Summit on the Information Society.

Consistent with market-based polices and the belief that private sector leadership has allowed the Internet the flexibility to innovate and evolve, we believe in the continued growth of the Internet and the variety of applications it supports. Given the Internet's importance to the world's economy, it is essential that the underlying domain name system of the Internet remains stable and secure. As such, the United States should take no action that would have the potential to adversely impact the effective and efficient operation of the domain name system. Therefore, the United States should maintain its historic role in authorizing changes or modifications to the authoritative root zone file.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is the appropriate technical coordinator of the Internet domain name system. While improvements continue to be made to the ICANN model, the Bush Administration, and specifically the Department of

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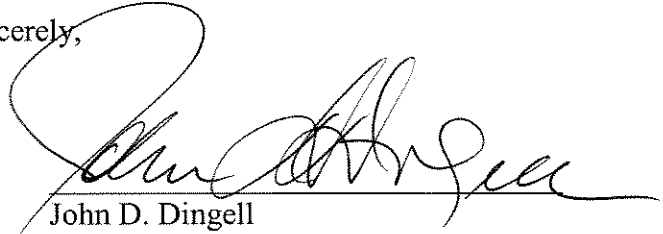
Commerce, should continue to maintain strong oversight so that ICANN maintains its focus and meets its core technical mission.

Governments have legitimate interest in the management of their country code top-level domains. The Administration should continue to work with the international community to address these concerns, bearing in mind the fundamental need to ensure stability and security of the Internet domain name system.

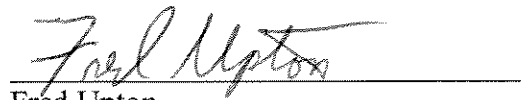
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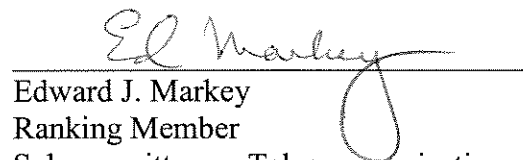
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