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Mr. Gary W. Richenaker
Chairman
ENUM Forum
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Dear Mr. Richenaker:

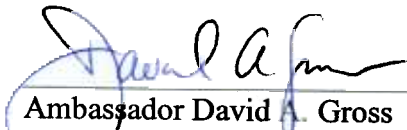
In February 2003, the ENUM Forum presented its baseline specification document for implementation of ENUM in the United States. That document demonstrated the substantial thinking and effort that your members have invested in developing technical specifications and requirements for domestic implementation of ENUM. At a meeting between our agencies and ENUM Forum members in February, government representatives also discussed the need to explore various mechanisms to select a Tier 1 provider(s).

We understand that industry within the ENUM Forum is pursuing the concept of using a Limited Liability Company (LLC) to manage the selection of a Tier 1 provider(s). We are pleased that the ENUM Forum is considering a variety of options for selecting the Tier 1 provider(s) and are supportive of industry-based solutions, such as use of the LLC. Because the provision of ENUM will involve a wide variety of new technologies and new services, we support an industry-based mechanism for selecting a Tier 1 provider(s) that will be as inclusive as possible.

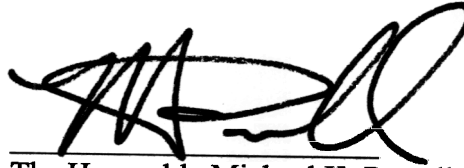
As you explore the LLC concept further, we also hope that you will examine how the principles laid out in the February 12, 2003 letter from Assistant Secretary Victory, endorsed in a letter by Chairman Powell on February 13, 2003, will be incorporated in the domestic implementation of ENUM. It is imperative that any process that is chosen would ensure competition among providers and operators, allow for interoperability of alternative deployments, encourage innovative services and products, and protect the privacy and security of all ENUM users.

We look forward to hearing further about your progress.

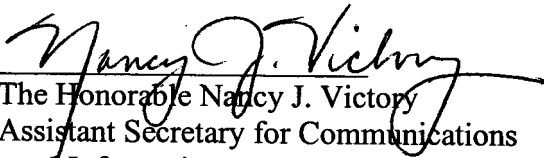
Sincerely,



Ambassador David A. Gross
U.S. Coordinator for International
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Department of State



The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission



The Honorable Nancy J. Victory
Assistant Secretary for Communications
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