May 3, 2012

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
Marina del Rey, CA 90292-6601

Re: Endorsement of “.pharmacy” gTLD application by National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

To the Members of the Board of Directors of ICANN:

On behalf of the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, I write to express our endorsement and support for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy’s (NABP) application to be awarded and operate the “.pharmacy” generic top-level domain (gTLD). We believe the .pharmacy gTLD, as conceived and proposed by NABP, fully represents our interests and the broader interests of the pharmacy practice community and pharmaceutical industry.

The Indiana Board of Pharmacy is responsible for the licensing and regulation of individuals and businesses involved in the practice of pharmacy in the state of Indiana. We actively regulate and register over 30,000 individual pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacies, wholesale distributors, and other drug distribution outlets in the state of Indiana. Our primary statutory charge is to promote patient safety and protect public health through the proper and safe regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

The Internet has become an invaluable resource for communication, learning and commerce; however, at the same time, threats have emerged which make it difficult for consumers to utilize this resource safely. We strongly believe that the .pharmacy gTLD must be overseen by an organization that will help ensure public health and safety. For this reason, we fully support NABP’s application. NABP is an impartial, non-profit organization with a respected history of promoting safe access to medicine online and developing uniform standards to protect public health in the United States. We are confident that NABP will operate the .pharmacy gTLD in a safe and effective manner.

Thank you for accepting this letter of endorsement and support for NABP’s gTLD application for .pharmacy. On behalf of the Indiana based pharmacy industry, the Indiana Board of Pharmacy urges you to approve NABP’s application.

Sincerely,

Phil Wickizer, Director
Indiana Board of Pharmacy
Re: Application by National Association of Boards of Pharmacy for “.pharmacy” gTLD

To the Members of the Board of Directors of ICANN:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), I write to express our support for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy’s (NABP) application to be awarded and operate the “.pharmacy” generic top-level domain (gTLD). It is our understanding that NABP’s administration of .pharmacy gTLD will contribute significantly to ensuring that patients (the public) have access to a safe and secure location on the Internet for transactions involving legitimate pharmacies. This approach is in line with NAPRA’s members’ mandate.

NAPRA is a Canadian not-for-profit organization representing all provincial and territorial pharmacy licensing authorities whose mandate is the protection of the public. Our membership also extends beyond traditional geographic borders to include the Canadian Forces Pharmacy Services. One of the fundamental goals of the organization is to enable members to take a national approach in addressing common issues.

Our members play a key role to ensure that optimal regulatory practices are in place for a safe practice environment for all Canadians. Over 35,000 pharmacists are licensed by our members to practice pharmacy across Canada and operate within specific regulatory practices and requirements.

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Thank you for accepting this letter of support for NABP’s gTLD application for .pharmacy. On behalf of NAPRA’s Board of Directors, we urge you to approve NABP’s application.

Sincerely,

Diane Brideau-Laughlin
President