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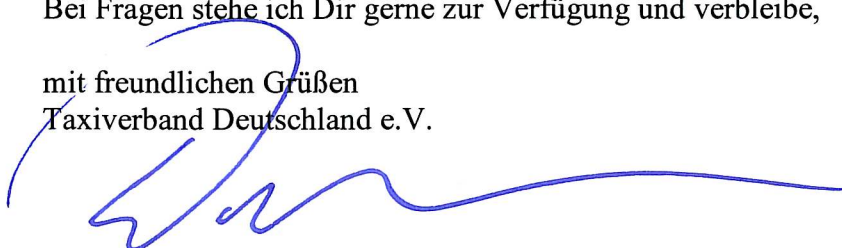
.taxi Domain

Sehr geehrter Herr Waldner,
lieber Hermann,

in der Anlage übersende ich Dir das gewünschte Schriftstück mit der Bitte um Kenntnisnahme und weitere Bearbeitung.

Bei Fragen stehe ich Dir gerne zur Verfügung und verbleibe,

mit freundlichen Grüßen
Taxiverband Deutschland e.V.



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**New gTLD Evaluation Process
Letter of support for the new gTLD .taxi**

Dear Sir or Madam!
Distinguished Representatives of ICANN!

This letter is to confirm that Taxiverband Deutschland e.V., as well as its constituency fully support the application for the gTLD .taxi submitted to ICANN by TaxiPay GmbH in the New gTLD Program. As Chairman of Taxiverband Deutschland e.V., I hereby confirm that I have the authority of Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. to be writing to you on this matter.

TaxiPay GmbH is a privately-held company founded in Berlin, Germany in 2007. The company provides payment and billing services for the top four taxi brands in Berlin. TaxiPay GmbH is also the sole owner of these very four trademarks. TaxiPay GmbH also provides information, training and consulting services for more than 13,000 taxi drivers in the city of Berlin and throughout Germany and Western Europe.

In 1999, Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. was founded as a federal association of German taxi and car-hire businesses in Stuttgart.

The Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. has set itself the goal to act fully on behalf of the commercial carriage of passengers at a federal, provincial and international level. The guidelines focus on particular trade policy interests and economic interests of its members. The Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. puts special emphasis to form a lobby for the taxi business, and actively participate in improving the economic and legal environment.

Furthermore, the main responsibilities of Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. include the following:

- ⇒ Interference in the political and actual decision-making processes that affect the taxi business and not simply accept arbitrary conditions changing constantly
- ⇒ Through early and active involvement in the legislative process, we want to prevent that conditions are set without considering the concerns and needs of taxi and car-hire companies in sufficient quantity
- ⇒ The Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. is also represented in national associations, in order to keep track on the national interests of its members.

We feel that TaxiPay GmbH's mission, its services and its reputation within the industry all stand for the same values as promoted by Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. Hence, I fully support the applicant's endeavor for the new gTLD ".taxi"

It is Taxiverband Deutschland e.V.'s understanding that first and foremost, the gTLD .taxi will be used to assign a dedicated and recognizable address space to members of the global taxi community, including individual entrepreneurs, offices, companies, not-for-profit-organizations and associations, relevant industry partners, such as special insurance providers, auto shops, software suppliers, and the like, as well as related divisions of public authorities. In doing so, the gTLD .taxi will foster the further development of the taxi community, as well as serving as a common online platform for all of its members. Being used exclusively by members of the taxi community, the gTLD .taxi will be established as a label for both quality and trustworthiness of information.

We appreciate the application for TLD .taxi by TaxiPay GmbH and do believe that TaxiPay GmbH will guarantee the TLD's exclusive use for taxi industry-related content. To ensure this, registrations of Second Level Domains under these gTLDs shall not be limited to TaxiPay GmbH, but open to other members of the taxi industry on the condition of substantial proof of affiliation to the general taxi community.

Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. and TaxiPay GmbH have been very closely cooperating since 2005. Furthermore, Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. has worked closely with the applicant in the development of this proposal. Various arrangements have been negotiated to favor a registration of domains under the new gTLD.

Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. fully supports this application, and understands that in the event that the application is successful, TaxiPay GmbH will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so, they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes.

We further understand that, in the event of a dispute between Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. and the applicant, ICANN will comply with a legally binding order from a court in the jurisdiction of Germany.

The application for .taxi is submitted as a community-based application. As such, it is understood that the Registry Agreement will reflect the community restrictions proposed in the application. If we came to believe that the registry is not complying with these restrictions, possible measures of recourse do include the Registry Restrictions Dispute Resolution Procedure.

I can advise that in the event that this application is successful, Taxiverband Deutschland e.V. will enter into a separate agreement with the applicant. This agreement will outline the conditions under which we support them in the operation of the TLD, and circumstances under which we would withdraw that support. ICANN will not be a party to this agreement, and enforcement of this agreement lies fully with Taxiverband Deutschland e.V.

I would request that if additional information is required during the application process, that I myself, Dirk Holl, be contacted in the first instance:

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Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Yours sincerely,


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