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Mr. Craig Schwartz
Director
fTLD Registry Services, LLC
c/o American Bankers Association
1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

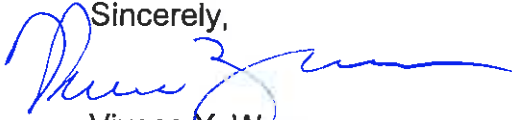
On behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), we are writing to express our support for the fTLD Registry Services, LLC (FRS) application for the ".bank" Top Level Domain. ICBA represents nearly 5,000 community banks of all sizes and charter types throughout the United States and is dedicated to representing the interests of the community banking industry and the communities and customers they serve.

ICBA is committed to ensuring that the ".bank" Top Level Domain will be operated with security and validation standards that insure a safe and secure Internet space for financial institutions and their customers. We believe the FRS commitment to the global financial community and increased security standards that are commensurate with the nature of the financial Top Level Domains is the key to a successful ".bank" Top Level Domain.

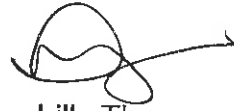
We support the FRS leadership to establish a protected Internet space operated for, and governed by, the financial services industry. ICBA believes that community banks and their customers will greatly benefit from the elevated security standards and controls implemented by FRS and that FRS will meet the business, security, and technological developments that arise from the introduction of new generic Top Level Domains.

We appreciate the opportunity to voice our support for this initiative. Should you have any questions, please contact us (viveca.ware@icba.org) or lilly.thomas@icba.org) at 202-659-8111.

Sincerely,



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