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Dear Mr Schwartz,

On behalf of the European Banking Federation (EBF), we are writing to express our support for the fTLD Registry Services, LLC application for the ".bank" Top Level Domain. The EBF is the voice of the European banking sector. Through its members (31 national banking associations from all EU and EFTA countries), the EBF represents the interests of some 5000 European banks: large and small, wholesale and retail, local and cross-border financial institutions.

We fully support the joint Financial Services Roundtable and American Bankers' Association initiative and appreciate their leadership to establish a protected Internet space operated for, and governed by, the financial industry. If the new Top-Level Domains are to succeed and be widely used, bank customers must have absolute confidence in the security of the .bank name and the administration of this Domain. The fTLD Registry Services LLC is in an excellent position to provide such administration to the banking industry and its customers.

We appreciate the opportunity to voice our support for this initiative and remain at your disposal should you need additional information.

Yours Sincerely,



Guido Ravoet