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Dear Harry

RE: dotScot Campaign

I am pleased to offer support for the proposed dotScot (gTLD) aimed at providing a clear identity for Scottish interests and culture on the web.

As you know, the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Otago has extensive engagement with the community, not simply through teaching and research, but also through a variety of outreach events. Recently, for instance, we organised in conjunction with several of Dunedin's Scottish societies for renowned historian Professor Tom Devine to participate in a series of events during the annual two-week long Scottish Festival. Indeed, a full listing of the Centre's activities can be found on our website: http://www.otago.ac.nz/scottish_studies/events.html. I am certain that having a .scot extension will not only facilitate and further extend our engagement with the local Dunedin community but will help further our work on the Scottish diaspora and Scotland's history and culture internationally.

We are particularly keen to see the dotScot Registry bid succeed and believe the not for profit model is appropriate for this type of community interest. Should you be successful in your application to ICANN we would be very interested in acquiring a dotScot domain ourselves, and promoting its availability to our supporters. Please do keep us informed of developments in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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