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Gay Organizations

This grouping of endorsements contains regional, national and international organizations that represent a wide variety of service oriented nonprofit and non-governmental efforts created to support members of the Gay Community.

From very early in the gay rights movement, organizations like the ones represented here have stood at the front line of progress for the Gay Community creating real change where it was needed. As a focal point, these organizations create the fabric of the Gay Community around the globe addressing community needs in the areas of human rights and equality, health and social services, educational and legal services, political and cultural advocacy, youth and family support, and historical documentation.

As of this writing, and in addition to those with UN accreditation, large cross sections of gay organizations from 19 countries have offered an endorsement in writing with a letter of support. The 41 endorsing organizations represent roughly 2 million individuals through membership and represent community members identifying as male or female homosexuals, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and ally.



HUMAN
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December 1, 2010

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

I am writing to you in support of SPI Marketing and dotGAY LLC in their bid to secure and create the proposed .GAY Top-Level-Domain (TLD).

The Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of more than 750,000 members and supporters in the United States. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

For more than 30 years, HRC has been leading the fight for equality. Our experience has shown us that the power to network and share information is critical to many communities, including our organization. The presence of the TLD .GAY will enhance our outreach efforts and the opportunity to share information, thus impacting the success of our work. This network, as supported by the .GAY concept put forth by SPI and dotGAY LLC, will be critical in assisting organizations in their growth and visibility.

The Human Rights Campaign supports SPI Marketing and dotGAY LLC in creating a business model with the community in mind. As stated in its documents, dotGAY LLC's proposal calls for 67 percent of all profits it generates from the sale of .GAY domain names to be channeled to non-profit LGBT organizations. HRC believes that this philanthropic approach has the potential to provide important support to LGBT organizations and encourages you to give this application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Solmonese
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Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

IGLYO is a membership based umbrella organization, working with 78 members across the Council of Europe member states. We work with activists devoted to making the world a better place for young LGBTQ people.

We at IGLYO feel that .gay TLD can be a tool to give young people across Europe a sense of the community that exists, even if their national context doesn't offer the opportunity to experience LGBTQ culture. The .gay TLD has the potential to gather all relevant information regarding sexual orientation and gender identity in one place for easy access for young people.

IGLYO works on a basis of inclusiveness, and we recognize that trying to list all identities in a domain name can be problematic and confusing. We agree that .gay is an inclusive way to recognize a TLD for the entire LGBTQ community, as it has historical roots in the formation of the LGBTQ community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, this creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Virginija Prasmickaite
Office Manager
IGLYO- International LGBTQ Youth and Student Organisation

**IGLYO**



Lisbon, 21th of March 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Founded in 1995, ILGA Portugal is the largest and the oldest organization in Portugal striving for equality and against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, working both at a political and social scope at a national level, reaching about a thousand members.

We believe that the .gay TLD can help promote a more visible and stronger identity and community in the web. In our point of view, "Gay" is the most commonly accepted term for the LGBTI community and it is self-attributed rather than imposed, thus being the best umbrella term for the community TLD.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 2012

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Dear Dr. Cocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

PFLAG Canada firmly supports ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top level domain (TLD).

Across the spectrum of human diversity, that which is unseen is also misunderstood. In educating the public on sexual orientation and gender identity issues, visibility equals awareness and greater awareness equals safety for LGBTQ* people.

PFLAG Canada is Canada's only national charitable organization that provides support, information and education to anyone with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. We see the .gay TLD being important to advancing our mandate and improving the status of LGBTQ people.

The term, "gay" is the most recognized and commonly understood identifier for the LGBTQ community. It makes sense that this would be the extension of choice for the proposed TLD.

I trust this information is useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cherie MacLeod". The script is fluid and cursive.

Cherie MacLeod
Executive Director

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*LGBTQ – lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, queer and questioning



December 28th, 2011

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Trans-Fuzja Foundation is so far the only organization working on transgender issues. We provide help and support for people living outside and/or crossing the gender binary, educate on gender and transgender rights as human rights and advocate for trans-inclusiveness in the Polish legal system. Over the past 3 years we have grown from a small group of volunteers into a nation-wide organization with a few branches and international recognition. Our former president, Anna Grodzka, became a member of the Polish Parliament in October 2011.

We support the TLD .gay domain as a first step in recognizing LGBT services and communities both on the world wide web and offline and hope that other TLDs will soon follow.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

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March 5, 2010

RE: Letter of Support for dotGAY LLC and SPI Marketing LLC ICANN Application

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this note in support of ICANN's consideration of the application by dotGAY LLC and SPI Marketing LLC to secure and create the proposed .GAY Top-Level-Domain (TLD).

For the past 33 years, the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) has been dedicated to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. Because of our long-standing work on behalf of the LGBT community, we are uniquely qualified to address this proposed TLD. We are one of the largest LGBT organizations in the United States.


As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .GAY will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .GAY TLD is a valuable one. .GAY will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

NCLR supports the community based model presented by dotGAY LLC and SPI Marketing/PRIDELife. NCLR acknowledges SPI Marketing for their abilities and over 15 years of experience in the LGBT community. We support SPI in creating a business model with the community in mind. We believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals. We firmly believe and trust that dotGAY LLC and SPI Marketing will contribute 67% of any potential profits back into the LGBT community, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Please don't hesitate to call on me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Kang-Kendall, Esq.
Executive Director



September 25th, 2011

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

The Israeli LGBT Aguda, hereby support the .gay TLD enterprise and ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD). We find it important to all LGBT communities around the world to unite under that domain in order to promote mutual interests.

The **Aguda** is the name of the National Association of LGBT in Israel. It was established in 1975 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and protection of the rights of the gay community in Israel. The Aguda is a national volunteer-based organization with a main office in Tel Aviv and several branches around the country.

In 2010, The **Israeli President, Mr. Shimon Peres** awarded the Aguda with the "Presidential Award for Voluntarism" and in fact strengthened the Aguda as the most important LGBT organization in Israel.

As a LGBT community living at the only democracy in the Middle East, we find the .Gay domain as the best pipeline through which we can and should promote our human rights agenda and culture worldwide.

Sincerely,


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March 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN board,

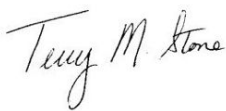
It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN'S consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers is a member-based coalition whose mission is to support the development of strong, sustainable LGBT community centers. Founded in 1994, the organization has played an important role in supporting the growth of LGBT centers across the country and addressing the challenges they face, by helping them to improve their organizational and service delivery capacity and increase access to public resources. We do this through direct technical assistance, leadership skills development and resource coordination.

Our goal is to develop and harness the power of over 200 LGBT community centers in small towns and big cities throughout the United States and abroad. These centers are the heart and soul of the LGBT movement and are vital to our well-being and dreams for the future.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, LGBT community centers and thereby the cities and towns in which they reside to grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,



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ICANN

Dr. Crocker

Mr. Beckstrom

Members of the ICANN Board

Amsterdam, 2 November 2011

Reference: PD/2011/9

Subject: support for approval .gay LTD

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level domain (TLD).

The Global Alliance for LGBT Education (GALE) is a learning community of educators which aims to promote the full inclusion of people who are disadvantaged because of their sexual orientation or sexual identity and their expression by identifying, enhancing and sharing educational expertise. Our membership is 560 members from all over the world. GALE is in official relations with UNESCO.

For many organizations and individuals, the use of .gay will add to a sense of identity and activism. The self identification as gay has a clear function in the survival, self determination, empowerment or activist strategies of millions of people. We support this and encourage people to reflect on their choices and strategies in our education. We expect .gay to add to the empowerment of people who adopt the label "gay".

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) services and non-profit communities, business communities, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely



Peter Dankmeijer, Executive Director



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26th February 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the community-based .gay top-level-domain (TLD) as outlined by dotgay LLC.

The Coalition Against Homophobia is made up of six organizations and individuals who have the passion to stop homophobia in Ghana and Africa in general. It is hosted by an organization known as communication for social change base in Weija in the greater Accra region of Ghana.

We work with civil society organizations and lesbian, gay, bisexual and Trans community (LGBT) groups on the ground to develop programs to meet the needs of the LGBT community in Ghana.

We are hoping that the platform being setup by dotgay LLC will help improve the situation of LGBT people in Africa and Ghana in particular.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nii Addo Sowah'.

for

Nii Addo Sowah
Programs coordinator

Coalition Against Homophobia in Ghana



Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual &
Transgender Young People in Ireland

Wednesday, May 23rd 2012,

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

BeLonG To, the national organisation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people in Ireland, is writing to you at this time to express our support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top level domain (TLD).

We believe that LGBT young people need to be respected and cared for on the same basis as all other young people, and that when they are safe and supported in their families, schools & society they will thrive as healthy and equal citizens.

To get there we provide direct youth work services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender young people across Ireland. These are spaces where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender young people can meet each other, get involved in activities and see that their identities and selves are valuable and important.

Because we believe that the problems which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender young people experience are largely due to negative societal attitudes, we also work to change these attitudes. This is done by training teachers, youth others and other professionals who work with young people. Running awareness campaigns in schools and youth services and advocating and working with government departments, politicians and Non-Governmental Organisation's to ensure that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender young people are heard so that positive social change occurs.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for the .gay TLD with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support from LGBT service organisations, LGBT non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals creating a strong new TLD.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Barron
Executive Director



04.03.2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay

LGBT Forum „PROGRES“ is a nonprofit organization that gathers LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer) people in Montenegro and it stands for respect and protection of their human rights and equality in society.

Mission of **LGBT Forum „Progress“** is creating safe, inclusive, and stimulate surrounding for all LGBTIQ persons providing educative possibilities, building community, public advocacy, political participation and increasing approach to different kind of services that quality to life and health.

This organization is the only one in Montenegro that protects LGBT Human Rights. It has around 20 volunteers and hundreds of members. Unfortunately as Montenegro is very homophobic country, 75% of people thinks that homosexuality is illness, there is only one gay person who is out in public talking about LGBT rights.

We as the only and small organization in very homophobic country support the .gay TLD because we believe that .gay TLD can contribute a lot in visibility of LGBT communities around the World and our organization would be very happy if .gay TLD exist.

We strongly think that GAY is the best umbrella term for the community TLD because of it being the most commonly accepted, politically correct and all inclusive term.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Zdravko Cimbaljevic
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May 25, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Founded in 2007, OMBRES Association is a non-profit organization in Guatemala that is focused on making substantial changes in human rights and sexual health for the gay community. OMBRES is committed to ending discrimination in Guatemalan society, specifically for sexual minorities most affected by HIV/AIDS.

Guatemala's human rights violations remain part of daily life and are widely accepted, tolerated and justified by the majority of the population. Part of this violation is the discrimination suffered by the gay community, regardless of sex, on the condition of people living with HIV/AIDS. The members of the gay community are human beings, offering a great deal to the world we live in and unworthy of the discrimination now prevailing in Guatemalan society.

OMBRES believes that .gay will benefit the gay community, bringing together a group that has long been forced to disintegration in our country; primarily by the church that still has power in our government. As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries to grow.

As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organization and businesses through a common platform.



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22nd January, 2012

Dear Dr Crocker, Mr Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Rainbow Wellington is a group based in Wellington, New Zealand. As an Incorporated Society and Registered Charity, we offer support to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities, through social and educational events, advocacy work and financial support. We mostly serve the communities in the Wellington Region, but also take up issues at a national level, and support the international human rights of LGBTI people, through our membership of ILGA.

The internet is a tool which is highly used by the LGBTI communities, particular in a country as remote from the rest of the world as New Zealand. GAY is the best available umbrella term for the community TLD, because it is seen as the most commonly accepted, simplest and all-inclusive term.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive the strong support of the LGBTI service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Yours sincerely

Amadee Rose
Vice Chair
Rainbow Wellington

Rainbow Wellington is a registered charity

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Ghent (Belgium), 20 april 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

'Çavaria' is the Flemish (Belgian) LGBT-umbrella organisation with over 120 LGBT groups as its members organisations. We are recognised by the Belgian and Flemish governments and governmental bodies as the representative voice of lesbians, bisexuals, gays and trans people in our country.

The creation of a .gay TLD would benefit our organisation by making it easier to find websites of 'friends' wherever in the world (or to be founded as such a friend by others).

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely

Yves Aerts
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Date: 12/01/2012

KANHNHA, CAMBODIA.

Letter of Support from KANHNHA CAMBODIA to LGBT (dotgay)

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level domain (TLD), under the proposed community model put forth by dotgay LLC.

KANHNHA was established in Cambodia as a non-profit, non-governmental organization in 2002 and officially registered with the Ministry of Interior in 2004. In recognition of its work, KANHNHA has successfully performed and implemented in the areas of HIV interventions. Since its foundation, KANHNHA has intervened HIV prevention in Phnom Penh and Kandal Province.

MSM/Transgender in Cambodia continues to face stigma and discrimination from communities and civil society in the private sector/civil societies who do not yet understand MSM/Transgender issue. These problems come from limited coverage and education in these areas. Funding to MSM/Transgender programs has decrease from year to year because of economic crisis. What KANHNHA aims to strengthen are community sustainability and empowerment.

There is no specific legislation that protects the rights of MSM from stigma and discrimination in their home or in the workplace. All Cambodians are assumed to be protected by the Constitution. In practice, however, MSM (particularly **long hair**/Transgender) report regularly that they suffer from discrimination in employment, schooling and in the community, regardless of their HIV status (HIV PREVENTION REPORT CARD CAMBODIA CONDUCTED BY RHAC).

KANHNHA is committed and respect that LGBT are Human Right. We wish to see all countries around the world push their efforts to raise LGBT rights to the status of human rights, especially those involved in policy making like the agencies in the United Nations. KANHNHA wish to see MSM/Transgender fair with right as general population no need to have special right.

KANHNHA wish to see **dotgay LLC** lead, help and support the environment of LGBT around the world and therefore support their efforts to create and manage the .gay domain. We wish dotgay LLC great success with this incredible opportunity for the LGBT in the world.

Sincerely yours,


Serey Huan

Executive Director KANHNHA



March 22, 2011

ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

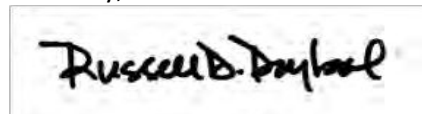
The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is pleased to support ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Task Force is the oldest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization. We work to build the grassroots power of this community by training activists, equipping state and local organizations with the skills needed to organize campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advance pro-LGBT legislation. Our goal is a nation that respects the diversity of human expression and identity and creates opportunity for everyone.

As a national organization, we have members in every state. As an organization that works on both national legislation and on local issues, accomplishing our goals would be impossible without the ability to connect with these supporters and our allies through the Internet and other social media. The creation of this TLD would certainly be helpful in enabling our members and all LGBT people to more readily access relevant information from the Task Force and other organizations fighting for equality.

As with many communities, the ability to share information is critical in our efforts to assist individuals as they work to create a more just society. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support for our organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Roybal
Deputy Executive Director of External Relations
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force



Blue Diamond Society

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Ref. NO.
Oct 18, 2011

Date :

Dear Mr. Beckett, Dr. Crocker and Members of the ICANN Board,

I am writing to you as the first openly gay MP in South Asia and the Director of the Blue Diamond Society (BDS) that serves more than 150,000 LGBTs from all over Nepal. I want to convey my enthusiastic support for the application of dotgay LLC to secure, create and operate the .GAY top-level domain (TLD).

The Blue Diamond Society was established in 2001 to deliver immediate and lasting improvements to the lives of sexual and gender minorities in Nepal and beyond. The BDS' local and national efforts have a mission to reach gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, third-genders and other men who have sex with men. Through outreach work, BDS has reached up to 350,000 LGBT/MSM. BDS is the only organization of this kind in Nepal and key activities include health promotion for sexual minorities, psycho-social counseling, raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, promoting human rights and sexual health, documenting human right violations, legal counseling and litigation services to the victims and families, legal and constitutional campaign, lobbying for policy change, advocacy and media campaign, income generation activities to poor LGBT/MSM.

BDS also organizes innovative events to build and strengthen communities. The BDS has documented violence and abuse that has included arbitrary arrests, attempted murder, rape, blackmail and all varieties of physical and verbal abuse and discrimination in the workplace, school medical facilities and elsewhere. BDS has done an exceptional job in publicizing these incidents on the local, national and international level, bringing attention to this situation.

We at BDS believe that by creating the .GAY TLD under the model outlined by dotgay LLC, organizations like BDS will be better able to share our stories and ideas, seek resources and support, and exchange information that will allow the global community as a whole to be empowered.

We at BDS believe that the most successful new domain names will be those that have strong support from their community and that will link people, businesses and organizations with a common affinity. We fully and exclusively support the application of dotgay LLC in this effort. We believe that the .GAY TLD, as conceived and proposed by dotgay LLC, represents the best interests of the GLBT community and will be able to provide a viable structure for us as an evolving community.

We ask you to look favorably upon the application of dotgay LLC for the .GAY TLD for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,
Sunil Babu Pant
Director
Blue Diamond Society



March 5, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Samtökin '78, The National Queer Organization, is an interest and an activist group for homosexual, bisexual and transgender people in Iceland. The organisation's goal is for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people to be visible and recognised and enjoy their rights to the fullest in Icelandic society.

Samtökin '78 applauds the .gay TLD since it would increase the visibility of our organization, and the .gay would prove the LGBT reliability of sites. .gay is the preferred umbrella TLD for organizations and businesses who focus on LGBT matters.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

On behalf of Samtökin '78

Auður Halldórsdóttir

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Letter of Support

27 February 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for the dotgay LLC initiative to create a Gay Domain. PINK Embassy/LGBT Pro Albania as an LGBT organization operating in Albania fully supports this initiative.

A dedicated virtual space for the LGBT global community would offer the maximum information and connection for the members of the community. Our interest is the highest to have such a domain, regarding the vast virtual activism that LGBT communities show in countries such as Albania, where they cannot live their sexuality freely.

Dotgay would offer a cost effective virtual space for LGBT community organizations that cannot afford it otherwise. Moreover, the information shared through this domain is protected and the members of the LGBT community can be sure of the content.

Hence, PINK Embassy/LGBT Pro Albania fully supports and applauds the initiative to have a gay domain.



Armando Tokaj
General Manager

PINK Embassy/LGBT Pro Albania



Managua, March 4th, 2012.

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr Beckstrom and other members of the ICANN Board

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top - level - domain.

Comunidad Homosexual de Nicaragua is an organization of LGBTIQ activist fighting in Nicaragua against discrimination through media. We are more than 1500 LGBTIQ activist around the country in all the 16 departments of Nicaragua, including Managua.

In our country it is very difficult to live as LGBTIQ people yet, because we are not accepted and we don't have the same rights as well as "straight" people. Throught the domain .gay we hope to have the chance to spread the message about same rights and equal opportunities for us in our society.

We strongly believe that GAY is the best umbrella term for our community because of it being the most commonly accepted polically correct and all inclusive term.

We support **dotgay LLC** in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTIQ service and non-profit community, business community, advertiseres, media and many individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Egon Blake", is written over a horizontal line.

Egon Blake
Board President.

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cc: arch/Jamie Baxter, dotgay LLC.



Letter of Support

30th March 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Opus Gay Association is a civic organisation at social level created to promote solidarity among all members of the Portuguese LGBT community (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender), going beyond political, geographic, social and age frontiers.

We lobby and use advocacy in defence of LGBT population and their human rights, fight homophobia, discrimination and stigma.

Opus Gay was established in 1997 and registered by Notary Deed in 1998 April 9th. It is both a Non-Profit NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) and a (PSSI) Private Social Solidarity Institution.

Opus Gay is a small-sized organisation, relying mostly on volunteers, but amongst the top of its kind nationwide. We maintain contacts with Brazil, Canada, countries in Europe, mainly.

In our view, the .gay TLD would be an asset to better identify the kind of issues that we're dealing with; therefore, we would more than welcome this initiative. By being part of this domain, we would definitely be even more accessible to the ones who search for specific services, whereas we also provide Legal Assistance, Psychological Appointments, Appointments offered by Social Worker, among a number of other services. And all this is provided for free.

GAY is definitely the best umbrella term for the TLD community, because of it being the most commonly accepted, politically correct and all-inclusive term.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support from the LBGT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

António Serzedelo
President
Opus Gay | Gay Work Association



Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, Feb 14, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

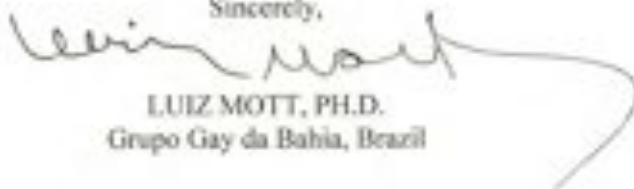
The Gay Group of Bahia ("Grupo Gay da Bahia") is the oldest association for the defense of the human rights for homosexuals functioning in Brazil. Founded in 1980, the GGB was registered as a non-profit organization in 1983, and was declared a public service organization of the city of Salvador in 1987. It is a member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), it forms part of the staff of the International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), the National Association of Black and White Men Together, and it is a "twin" of the RFSL of Stockholm. Since 1989, it has been a member of the Health Ministry's National Commission to Control AIDS, and since 1995 it has been one of the coordinators of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transvestites (ABGLT).

The GGB was directly responsible for the foundation of several groups in defense of the human rights of homosexuals in other states of Brazil, and it provides a meeting space for the Lesbian Group of Bahia, the Association of Transvestites of Salvador, and the Anti-AIDS Center of Bahia, entities which are allied with yet independent from the GGB. In 1985, the GGB promoted the Third Encounter of the Brazilian Homosexual Movement and in 1994, the Sixth Encounter of Brazilian AIDS NGO's. The group publishes the GGB Bulletin two or three times a year, and has produced two dozen pamphlets and booklets about homosexuality and AIDS.

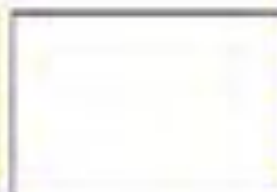
Any citizen can become a member of the GGB, independent of sex, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, religion, or political ideology: the GGB presently has 500 regular members. Between 100 and 200 people visit the GGB's center every week, making the number of visitors during the group's 16 years of existence exceed 20,000. The following subgroups form part of the GGB: the Quimbanda-Dudu Group of Black Gays of Bahia; the Gay Stamp Association of Brazil; the Brazilian Association of Parents and Friends of Homosexuals; the Center for Homosexual Studies.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,



LUIZ MOTT, PH.D.
Grupo Gay da Bahia, Brazil



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Amsterdam, november 14th 2011

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

IHLIA is the oldest LGBT archive in the world and very active in making LGBT history visible.

In cooperation with other LGBT archives, mainly in Europe, Northern America, but also in other parts of the world IHLIA is taking care of preserving and making available the historical and cultural heritage of LGBT people around the world.

Visibility is one of the most important way to get in touch with the community and provide opportunities to continue our work.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

International Gay and Lesbian Informationcentre and Archives (IHLIA)
Managing Director
Lonneke van den Hoonaard



March 3, 2010

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS has worked with Scott Seitz and SPI Marketing for more years than I can count. They have been an integral part of helping Broadway Cares with many of our annual events, but most specifically **Broadway Bares** (now in our 20th year) and **The Fire Island Dance Festival** (now in our 16th year). These two events are both highlights in the New York gay scene and have raised a combined total of over \$7 million for Broadway Cares and the programs we fund.

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration of the application by dotGAY LLC to secure and create the proposed .GAY Top-Level-Domain (TLD). .GAY will help integrate Broadway Cares' community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Broadway Cares supports the community based model presented by dotGAY LLC and their primary shareholder SPI Marketing/PRIDELife.

We love SPI Marketing for what they do for us and for the LGBT community with over 15 years of experience. We would love to support dotGay LLC in creating a business model with the community in mind. We believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals. We firmly believe and trust that dotGAY LLC will contribute 67% of any potential profits back into the LGBT community, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is the nation's leading industry-based, nonprofit AIDS fundraising and grant-making organization. By drawing upon the generosity of the American theatre community, BC/EFA raises funds for AIDS-related causes and other critical illnesses across the United States. Since its founding in 1988, BC/EFA has raised over \$175 million dollars for critically needed services for people with AIDS and other serious illnesses. BC/EFA supports seven programs at The Actors' Fund – including The AIDS Initiative, The Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative and The Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic. BC/EFA also awards annual grants to over 400 AIDS and family service organizations nationwide. **As we always say, "What we do together makes a difference."**

Sincerely,

Frank Conway
Associate Director of Development



April 22, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute leads a nationwide effort to grow the number of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elected and appointed public officials at all levels of government. Our trainees and endorsees include notable elected officials such as Congressman Barney Frank, Houston Mayor Annise Parker, New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and California Assembly Speaker John Perez.

Victory supports establishment of the .gay TLD in order to better organize the online activities of the LGBT community and increase our community's ability to communicate with one another effectively.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spilko
Senior Vice President, Marketing and Communications

Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund

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LEGIT-Toronto, P.O. Box 111 Station F, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 2L4

February 14, 2012

Dear ICANN Board,

We are excited to hear that you are considering a .gay domain for the internet. We enthusiastically support this proposed domain and encourage you to create it as soon as possible.

LEGIT-Toronto is a community group that helps same sex couples with their Canadian immigration needs. We help couples from all over the world with their immigration applications. We have served thousands of such couples since we started in 1994. To our knowledge we have had successful couples from more than 69 countries immigrate to Canada. LEGIT currently has three chapters in Canada: in Vancouver (the original), Toronto and Quebec.

We think that having a .gay domain will make it easier for LGBTQ people around the world to find us and other similar immigration organizations around the world. It will help us be more a part of our worldwide community.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Peter Bernier RCIC
Coordinator
LEGIT-Toronto



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04/14/2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

COLAGE is the only national, youth-driven network of people with a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer parent. We have chapters across the country of people coming together to create a world that treats our families with the same respect and equality that all families deserve.

More and more COLAGE is using the internet to amplify the voices of our families and advocate for equality. A .gay domain could be very beneficial for us in future campaigns and community building among our constituency.

It is on the internet that many of us, whether we are LGBTQ ourselves or we have LGBTQ parents, realize that we are not the only ones – that we are not alone. As someone for whom the internet was a lifesaving tool, I am a strong believer in the power of new media to save lives and create change in the world. I know that many of the people who COLAGE serves feel the same.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Snyder

Communications Coordinator

COLAGE

May 26, 2011

Denver Office

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Dear Members of the ICANN Board,

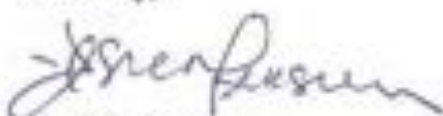
The Matthew Shepard Foundation is delighted to write in support of ICANN's favorable consideration of the proposed ".gay" top-level-domain (TLD).

The Matthew Shepard Foundation was created in 1998 by Judy and Dennis Shepard, whose son, Matthew, was murdered in one of the nation's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes in Laramie, Wyoming. Since inception, we have conducted educational outreach programs, provided resources and engaged in activism to "Replace Hate with Understanding, Compassion and Acceptance." With more than 40,000 supporters in the United States and around the world, and an audience of well over a million individuals for past educational programs, the Foundation has provided a unique perspective on LGBT equality, the role of allies in the community's work, and the importance of both personal action and social change.

With such a broad audience, the Foundation relies heavily on the Internet in its resource and program delivery, using two websites – MatthewShepard.org and MatthewsPlace.com – to provide information, host user-generated content, and conduct e-commerce and charitable fundraising. A .gay TLD would provide us a new online destination that clearly demonstrates the pro-LGBT purpose of this group in a way our existing sites' TLDs do not communicate to potential visitors. It also extends the current and successful effort by millions to establish a positive connotation for the word "gay" itself.

The LGBT community worldwide is an important population segment which seeks continually to share its experiences and interests and better organize for its legal and social equality. We believe a new .gay TLD would be a critical tool linking individuals within this community with resources and service organizations which share a common purpose. We appreciate ICANN's interest in this proposed new Web infrastructure and urge its positive review.

Sincerely,



Jason Marsden
Executive Director

April 4, 2011



The Osito Foundation

Teddy Bears for Children Impacted by HIV/AIDS

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

In 2008 The Osito Foundation was founded to promote HIV Awareness, Prevention & Education, provide solace and care through the giving of Teddy Bears to children impacted by HIV and a HIV Scholarship Program. Teddy Bears are known to improve emotional health and we are very proud in our first few years to have been able to give out over 8,000 Teddy Bears in six states.

For Osito, Teddy Bears were just the beginning, in late 2010 Osito launched StoppingHIV.com a website designed to communicate the message that every individual has to take personal responsibility in stopping the spread of HIV. HIV is 100% preventable, and new infections could almost be eradicated overnight if every sexually active person would live by the motto: **I'm not going to GET IT - I'm not going to GIVE IT**. Our philosophy on reducing the number of new HIV infections is personal responsibility. If you are sexually active knowing your status is imperative. If you are negative, educate yourself on how not to contract HIV and if you're positive, be responsible and learn how not to spread the virus.

The Osito Foundation has over 70 .com & .org which all are HIV related and looking to expand to even more being able to have the .gay TLD would greatly benefit our organization. Over 70% of all HIV infections are in the "Men who have sex with Men" (MSM) demographic or primarily the gay community. Having a .gay TLD would allow easy and direct access to our HIV Prevention, Education, and Awareness message not only nationally but internationally.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,

Rod Castle, CEO
The Osito Foundation

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September 16, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Dr. Crocker and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Pride Foundation is a well-established community foundation serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community since 1985. We have worked closely with donors and volunteers throughout the US states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington to ensure that nonprofit organizations and student scholars have the resources to work for LGBTQ equality. We have provided more than \$24M in grants to thousands of nonprofits and nearly \$2.5M in scholarships.

Our mission is to inspire a culture of generosity that connects and strengthens Northwest organizations, leaders, and students who are creating LGBTQ equality. Pride Foundation envisions a world that honors diversity, fosters mutual respect, and celebrates complete equality.

We support the community-based approach of dotgay LLC. As a community foundation that relies on the generosity of our community, we place value in this model as it brings much needed resources to our community to support a variety of projects that work towards equality – not simply benefiting the LGBTQ community but creating a stronger more cohesive society at large. The innovative business model that dotgay LLC proposes ingrains social responsibility in a way that will benefit our community for generations to come.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBTQ service and nonprofit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

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Marschel Paul
Interim Executive Director
Pride Foundation



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Executive Director

January 27, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration of the application by dotgay LLC to secure and create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Since 1986, Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD) has been dedicated to representing the largest constituency of Black gay men on the East Coast. We are uniquely qualified to address this proposed TLD because by virtue of the mission, GMAD is working to improve quality of life within the New York City black gay community by effectively fighting the triple threat of homophobia, racism and health disparities through education, advocacy, health and wellness and social support. True to its mission, GMAD remains a strong voice of the LGBT community, championing its rights and challenging wrongs.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to defining who we are, telling and keeping not only our history alive, but also in working to building safe and healthy communities for all. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to open up new horizons, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community- building and networking, and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

GMAD supports the community-based model presented by dotgay LLC. GMAD acknowledges dotgay LLC's CEO SPI Marketing's Scott Seitz for their abilities and over 15 years of experience in the LGBT community. We support SPI/dotgay LLC in creating a business model with the community in mind. We believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals. We firmly believe and trust that dotgay LLC will contribute 67% of any potential profits back into the LGBT community, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Tokes M. Osubu
Gay Men of African Descent





January 28, 2011

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
1101 New York Ave, NW
Suite 930
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Peter Dengate-Thrush, Mr. Rod Beckstrom, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter of endorsement in support of dotgay LLC top-level-domain (TLD) application to ICANN to secure and create the proposed dotgay top-level-domain (TLD) to help enhance and connect our community groups through the internet.

The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) in San Francisco Bay Area is an organization dedicated to furthering the interests of gay & bisexual Asian/Pacific Islanders by creating awareness, by developing a positive collective identity and by establishing a supportive community. GAPA has been active for 23 years and we are advocates of equality and the fight against discrimination that have been aimed against the Asian and Pacific Islander communities and have partnered with other minority groups to work in unison hence we are uniquely qualified to address this proposed TLD.

Communication and the ability to share information are critical to our work in the LGBT minority community. It remains crucial to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting others in different areas of our country and the world. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the internet and new TLD's like dotgay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the dotgay TLD is a valuable one. dotgay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

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On behalf of the GAPA Board of Directors and Membership, we endorse dotgay LLC TLD application to ICANN. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Leong
GAPA Co-Chair
Email: ben@gapa.org



March 3, 2010

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

We would like to lend our name for the support of ICANN's consideration of the application by dotGAY LLC to secure and create the proposed .GAY Top-Level-Domain (TLD).

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. The Trevor Project is operating the only accredited, nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for LGBTQ youth. As .GAY will have a global impact on the ability to reach out to serve the LGBT youth of the world, we are in support of this proposed TLD.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to assisting individuals, organizations, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape is changing across the world, and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .GAY will provide critical support and access to LGBT people and resources throughout the United States and even more important throughout the entire world. ICANN's insight is spot on and will provide strong support for global LGBT service organizations and businesses through this common platform.

Please add The Trevor Project's support to the community based model presented by dotGAY LLC and their primary shareholder SPI Marketing/PRIDELife. Trevor has over 10 years of personal experience with SPI Marketing and acknowledges SPI Marketing for their abilities and over 15 years of experience in the LGBT community. We support dotGay LLC in creating a business model with the community in mind. We believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals. We firmly believe and trust that dotGAY LLC will contribute 67% of any potential profits back into the LGBT community, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Robbins
Executive Director & CEO
The Trevor Project
9056 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 208
West Hollywood, CA 90069



August 18, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Diamond Foundation is a regional nonprofit organization which works to help kids affected by HIV / AIDS attend a special summer camp, as well as spread awareness about HIV/AIDS to the general public. Our outreach is to thousands of individuals around the Midwest (Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Missouri) with supporters across the United States!

All of us involved with the Diamond Foundation and each of our supporting divisions/events support the establishment of the .gay TLD and look forward to being able to utilize it as our new means of outreach to our supporters across the internet! We are excited to have the chance in the near future to be able to promote both our own websites as well as the .gay TLD!

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,

Troy Fienhold-Haasis

Founder & Executive Director, Diamond Foundation

- Director, *Pride GO!* - the Midwest's Search for a Star
- Director, *Gay Nebraska Awards*
- State Promoter, *Miss Nebraska LSoFA M.I. Contest*





June 14, 2011

Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

Healing Our Spirit BC Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Society is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to Aboriginal Persons with HIV/AIDS (APHA) in the province of British Columbia, Canada. The mandate is to prevent and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and provide care and support services to Aboriginal peoples infected by HIV/AIDS.

The organization's founders were two men who were HIV positive and were also lifelong partners who considered themselves to be Two-Spirited, which is one term that many Aboriginal people in Canada use to describe and identify to their sexuality. In many Aboriginal cultures individuals who were "gay" had a special position in the community and were well respected.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,



Winston Thompson, Executive Director

April 7, 2011



Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great interest that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Fund in the Sun Foundation was established in 2006 as a not-for-profit public charity dedicated to Fire Island Pines. The foundation's mission is twofold: First, to provide funding for projects and initiatives designed to protect, enhance and maintain the environment, cultural life, health and infrastructure of the Fire Island Pines community; Second, to make grants to other charitable organizations whose purposes and activities are of interest to the residents of Fire Island Pines, specifically those who lack the infrastructure to initiate major fund-raising for their survival. Fund in the sun has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to numerous charities since its inception. It has become a leading force for many who need help and support to accomplish their own

The .gay TLD can significantly benefit Fund in the Sun Foundation. With such a domain suffix, our charity becomes more visible to companies and businesses looking to support diversity and inclusion. The .gay TLD can help to create a "unifying group," by linking many LGBT organizations to a virtual community.

As with many communities, the opportunity to share information is critical to keeping not only our history alive, but also in assisting individuals, cities and even countries grow. As the media landscape changes and technologies continue to amaze us, the Internet and new TLD's like .gay will lend strong support to link LGBT people and resources. ICANN's insight to the importance of the .gay TLD is a valuable one. .gay will help integrate our community building and networking and will provide strong support of our service organizations and businesses through a common platform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Eric von Kuersteiner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Eric von Kuersteiner
Fund in the Sun Foundation



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
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Dear Mr. Beckstrom, Mr. Dengate-Thrush, and Members of the ICANN Board,

Community Alliance and Action Network (C.A.A.N.) is in support of dotGAY LLC's application to ICANN for approval of (dot)gay as a top level domain.


C.A.A.N. carefully considered this proposal. We believe having a (dot)gay top level domain will allow the lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer (lgbtq) community to easily seek businesses and services that are gay friendly. This business proposal will help grow lgbtq business and communities because with the businesses' financial success they will tend to invest in more all-volunteer, donation dependent, non-profit, lgbtq community organizations, like ours.

The mission of Community Alliance and Action Network is to build community and personal alliances to alleviate the effects of discrimination due to sexual orientation and/or gender identification.

C.A.A.N. has a community center in downtown Joliet. People come together having a common background whether it's based on sexual orientation, gender identification or both. We have programs, activities, and entertainments that educate and celebrate our community and our diversity.

Thank you for your consideration of the application by dotGAY LLC for the lgbtq community.

Sincerely,


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Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board.

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level domain (TLD).

Public organization "Informational-Educational center "For Equal Rights" has been working in Ukraine since 2007. We sincerely believe that the .gay TLD would greatly benefit for the LGBT community in Ukraine.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Koroleva Nadezhda

Chairperson of Board

PO IEC "For Equal Rights"



Campinas, October 17th, 2011

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

GRUPO E-JOVEM de Adolescentes Gays Lésbicas e Aliados is the Brazilian LGBT Youth Network, a nongovernmental organization, with affiliates in each one of our 27 states and representatives in every major city. We run the **Escola Jovem LGBT** (LGBT Youth School), a government-backed "school of gay arts" with classes in dancing, fanzines, acting, cinema, and drag queen performance, where students learn about wig preparation, costume creation, stand-up routines, and lip synching. The school is registered as a teaching institution with the Campinas (a city near Sao Paolo) city council and financed by the state secretary of culture and the Brazilian Ministry of Culture.

We support the creation of the .gay TLD due to ONE simple reason. Visibility. For us, for our cause, it's important to have others finding more than erotic contexts associated with the term GAY. Dotgay websites with activist content would definitely benefit our organization.

And there's more: GAY is an universal word. Here, in Brazil, it's always used in reference to any member or group of members of the LGBT segment. It is, therefore, the best umbrella term for the community TLD.

We support dotgay LLC in creating a business model for .gay with the community in mind and believe this model will receive strong support of the LGBT service and non-profit community, business community, advertisers and media, and many individuals, thus creating a strong new TLD.

Sincerely,

Deco Ribeiro

Director

LGBT Youth School

Chesller Moreira

President

GRUPO E-JOVEM de Adolescentes Gays, Lésbicas e Aliados



Chesller Moreira – Presidente
GRUPO E-JOVEM



May 4, 2012

Dear Dr. Crocker, Mr. Beckstrom and Members of the ICANN Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN's consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

The Rainbow Community Kampuchea (RoCK) is based in Cambodia and was founded in 2009 following a successful and inspiring Pride Week. A core group of LGBT activists were keen to build on the connections and momentum achieved and felt that there was much to be done to improve the lives of LGBT in the Kingdom, and that an annual Pride Week would not be enough. RoCK aims to improve the lives of LGBT in Cambodia, ensure that LGBT peoples' rights are recognized and respected, and ensure that LGBT people have a secure livelihood. RoCK is a voluntary group of LGBT activists and is a core organizer of Pride every year.

We believe that the community-based .gay TLD will add great value to our community if ICANN approves and adds it to the Internet, helping to bring much needed visibility and awareness of the gay community to our region of the world. The proposed index directory for .gay will also become a valuable tool to help facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge between LGBT organizations like ours so that we can better serve the LGBT people of Cambodia.

We also believe that GAY is the best word for the TLD that will represent our global community. Despite the variations on how our community is defined around the world, GAY is the best umbrella term for the community TLD because of it being the most commonly accepted, politically correct and all-inclusive term.

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Sincerely,

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Rainbow Community Kampuchea (RoCK) Facilitator and Pride Organizer