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Dear Mr Dengate-Thrush,

**Proposal to create a .XXX sponsored Top Level Domain**

I am writing to you about ICM Registry's (ICM) application for a .XXX sponsored top level domain.

Consistent with its articles of incorporation, ICANN has an obligation to act in the interests of the wider internet community. I would like to express my strong opposition to the introduction of a .XXX top level domain by ICANN, because of the lack of identified public benefit.

I understand that at its next meeting on 28 October 2010, the Board will consider whether the proposed contract with ICM is consistent with previous Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) advice, and whether or not further consultation with the GAC is required.

Given the history of governmental concern about the public policy implications of .XXX and the substantive changes from the previous proposed contract with ICM, I urge the Board to seek GAC advice on the Revised Proposed Registry Agreement with ICM.

I will continue to monitor this issue with interest.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Conroy

cc Mr Rod Beckstrom  
CEO and President

cc Brian Cute  
Chair of the Accountability and Transparency review team