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Lawrence E. Strickling,  
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information  
Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Name.Space and ICANN

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

I am writing on behalf of Paul Garrin, the founder of name.space, an Internet Top Level Domain (TLD) company located in New York's 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which I represent. Mr. Garrin contacted my office to request assistance in setting up a meeting for him with you to discuss name.space's ongoing problems with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) over the process by which ICANN awards generic TLDs.

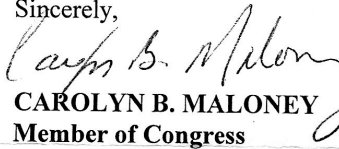
Mr. Garrin tells me that name.space paid \$50,000 in ICANN's 2000 application round to apply for the delegation of 118 gTLDs, many of which name.space had previously used. He further informs me that name.space has yet to receive a ruling on that 12-year-old application from ICANN. Mr. Garrin tells me ICANN has indicated that name.space should re-submit its application, which would require name.space to pay the current filing fees, which have been drastically increased since 2000. As a result, applying for the same gTLDs in the 2012 round would cost name.space more than \$21 million. Mr. Garrin believes his 2000 application should remain valid and be considered in ICANN's 2012 round, since ICANN never acted on the original application.

Mr. Garrin is particularly concerned that ICANN could award those same 118 gTLDs to other applicants, even though name.space has used some of the gTLDs in the past. I would like to understand why ICANN never acted on the original application and why so much time has been allowed to elapse without any action being taken. It seems to me that it would not be fair to require Mr. Garrin to refile when he had no control over ICANN's processing of his application.

Mr. Garrin would like a meeting at your earliest possible convenience to discuss increasing oversight of ICANN's 2012 application round and potential resolutions to name.space's original 2000 application for 118 gTLDs.

Please review Mr. Garrin's concerns and advise me as to your conclusions, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Minna Elias in my district office at (212) 860-0606.

Sincerely,

  
**CAROLYN B. MALONEY**  
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