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**RE: Change in Control of the .ORG Registry**

Dear Cindy, Mitchell, and Cara,

Thank you for your letter dated [17 December 2019](#). We understand and appreciate the concerns that are being raised to the Internet Society (ISOC) and ICANN relating to the proposed .ORG change of control.

As you've likely seen in our recent [blog](#), ICANN takes its responsibility in evaluating this proposed transaction very seriously. ICANN org and the Board are working together to evaluate the proposed acquisition to ensure that the registry remains secure, reliable, and stable.

The information received will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure we have a full understanding of the proposed transaction. In accordance with the Registry Agreement, ICANN will apply a standard of reasonableness in making its determination on whether to provide or withhold its consent to the request.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors