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Stephanie Perrin, Chair
Noncommercial Stakeholder Group

RE: Impact of the ORG Sale on Noncommercial Registrants

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for your letter dated [9 December 2019](#), which has been posted to the ICANN Correspondence page. Transparency is a cornerstone of ICANN and how ICANN acts to protect the public interest while performing its role. As you may have now seen, ICANN's CEO and President, Göran Marby, and I recently published a [blog](#) to clarify ICANN org's process for reviewing the proposed acquisition of Public Interest Registry pursuant to the Registry Agreements.

ICANN takes its responsibility in evaluating this proposed transaction very seriously. ICANN org team 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.

Thank you for your continued input into this topic.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors