

March 24, 2011

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

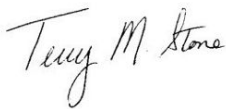
It is with great enthusiasm that we write this note in support of ICANN'S consideration to create the proposed .gay top-level-domain (TLD).

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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