

7 December 2017

RE: Your Letter of 30 August 2017

Mr. Graeme Bunton
Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group

Dear Graeme:

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2017 highlighting your concerns and feedback regarding the proposed feasibility analysis of cross-field address validation services. Your letter has been posted to ICANN's Correspondence page at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/bunton-to-gore-30aug17-en.pdf>.

Thank you also for the Registrar Cross-Field Validation Working Group's continued collaboration with ICANN org and discussing the subsequent steps toward fulfilling the cross-field address validation requirements in the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement.

As you may recall, during ICANN60, members of the Registrar Stakeholder Group expressed concerns with the current [Request for Information](#) ("RFI") for Cross-Field Address Validation Solutions. As discussed, ICANN org, through the publication of this RFI, is soliciting feedback on available cross-field address validation solutions in the marketplace.

Following the review of the responses received with the Registrar Cross-field Validation Working Group, ICANN org plans to pursue one or more of the following paths: (1) engagement of a third party organization to perform a technical feasibility analysis of all submitted responses as well as a cost-benefit analysis of cross-field address validation services; (2) publication of a mutually-reviewed Request for Proposal ("RFP"); and (3) consider any additional options put forward by the Registrar Cross-Field Validation Working Group.

Thank you again for all your collaborative efforts. Our overarching goal continues to be a mutually acceptable path forward that would meet our respective goals and obligations. I look forward to our continued collaboration and progress in achieving this goal.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Gore
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