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**RE: Withhold Approval for Ethos Transaction and Terminate .Org Registry in Respect of any Consummated Sale Agreement**

Dear Sherman,

Thank you for your letter dated [30 November 2019](#), which has been posted to the ICANN Correspondence page. 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 .ORG Registry Agreement.

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.

Thank you for your continued input into this topic.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors