



Coalition Letter to the Internet Society

Internet Society
Attn: Andrew Sullivan, President and CEO
11710 Plaza America Drive, Suite 400
Reston, VA 20190

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

We urge you to stop the sale of the Public Interest Registry (PIR) to Ethos Capital.

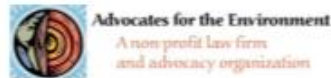
Non-governmental organizations all over the world rely on the .ORG top-level domain. Decisions affecting .ORG must be made with the consultation of the NGO community, overseen by a trusted community leader. If the Internet Society (ISOC) can no longer be that leader, it should work with the NGO community and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to find an appropriate replacement.

The 2019 .ORG Registry Agreement represents a significant departure from .ORG's 34-year history. It gives the registry the power to make several policy decisions that would be detrimental to the .ORG community:

- **The power to raise .ORG registration fees without the approval of ICANN or the .ORG community.** A .ORG price hike would put many cash-strapped NGOs in the difficult position of either paying the increased fees or losing the legitimacy and brand recognition of a .ORG domain.
- **The power to develop and implement Rights Protection Mechanisms unilaterally, without consulting the .ORG community.** If such mechanisms are not carefully crafted in collaboration with the NGO community, they risk censoring completely legal nonprofit activities.
- **The power to implement processes to suspend domain names based on accusations of “activity contrary to applicable law.”** The .ORG registry should not implement such processes without understanding how state actors frequently target NGOs with allegations of illegal activity.

A registry could abuse these powers to do significant harm to the global NGO sector, intentionally or not. We cannot afford to put them into the hands of a private equity firm that has not earned the trust of the NGO community. .ORG must be managed by a leader that puts the needs of NGOs over profits.

When ISOC originally proposed transferring management of .ORG to PIR in 2002, ISOC's then President and CEO Lynn St. Amour promised that .ORG would continue to be driven by the NGO community—in her words, PIR would “draw upon the resources of ISOC's extended global network to drive policy and management.” As long-time members of that global network, we insist that you keep that promise.











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A Bunch of Hacks

A New Beginning Animal Rescue

A Place For Hope: Recovery & Wellness Center

A1K.org

Academia Ciudadã - Citizenship Academy

Academy of Fashion Arts and Sciences
Access Now
Açık İnovasyon Derneği / Open Innovation Association
ADELI
ADNP Kids Research Foundation
Adoption & Beyond, Inc.
Advocates for the Environment
Advomatic
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia
African Academic Network on Internet Policy
African Freedom of Expression Exchange (AFEX)
AfroLeadership
Agaric Tech Cooperative
Agile France
AIGA Los Angeles
Albertine Watchdog
All Faiths
Allegheny RiverStone Center for the Arts
Allergy Advocacy Association
Alliance for Morris County Parks
Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, MO Inc.
The Almond Connection
Aloise
Alternatives-et-Autogestion.org
Alternatives, Inc
America's Service Commissions
American Alliance of Museums
American Bible Society
American Council on Exercise
American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada
American Federation of Teachers
American Library Association
American Physical Society
American Political Science Association
The American Prospect
American Society of Association Executives
Amigos Library Services
Anarchist Group Amsterdam
Angelsbliss
Animals (and Humans) in Disaster, Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry
Ann Martin Center
ANSOL - Associação Nacional para o Software Livre (Portuguese Association For Free Software)
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The Apache Software Foundation
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April
Aquilenet
Arab American Association of New York (AAANY)

ARGO-ICT
ARTabilityAZ
arXiv.org
Asociación Española de la Economía Digital
Aspiration
Association Artistique Alexandre Roubtzoff
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
Association Lyonnaise pour le Développement de l'Informatique Libre
The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA)
Association of German Foundations
Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.
Astra Labs
ASUTIC (Senegal ICT Users Association)
Auroville Foundation
Austin Baroque Orchestra
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Play, Imagination, and Learning Institute
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Autistic Minority International
AvaCon
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The Bachchao Project
Bağımsız Atölye
Bainbridge Chorale
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)
Barracon Digital
Basic Internet Foundation
Battle of Homestead Foundation
Bay Area Mashers
Believe and Achieve Resource Center Inc.
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts
Benetech
Berkeley Institute for Free Speech Online
Better Future for All
Big Duck
Bike Walk Montana
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The Bioscience Resource Project
Black Hills Playhouse
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Blueprint for Free Speech
Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland
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Bridgewell Inc
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British Columbia Aviation Council
Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
C4 Atlanta
Cabinet Magazine
California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)
California Rare Fruit Growers
California Tendai
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cantilena.org
Capital Region Community Foundation
Cargografias.org
CASA New Orleans
Center for Digital Resilience
Center for Innovative Thinking, Inc
Center for Internet and Human Rights
Center for Multicultural Communities
Center for Volunteer Nonprofit & Leadership
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Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos “Segundo Montes Mozo S.J.” (CSMM)
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Chase the Music
Chatham Outreach Alliance, CORA Food Pantry
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Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc.
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Children’s Alliance of Montana
Children’s Law Center Inc
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City of Anacortes
CiviCRM
Civllsphere
Clever Octopus Inc
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CN Guidance and Counseling Services
CNT 31
Co-op Source
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
Code for America

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Codeberg e.V.
Coding Classroom
The COIN-OR Foundation, Inc
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Colorado Nonprofit Association
Communications Workers of America
Communities United Against Police Brutality
Community Action Center
Community Health Alliance
Community Partners
Community Tech Network
CompassPoint Nonprofit Services
Completely KIDS
Computer Aid International
concordion.org
Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance
Consumer Action
Consumer Reports
CouchHosting.org
Council of Michigan Foundations
The Council on Aging of Central Oregon
Council on Standards for International Educational Travel
CounterPunch.org
CovHack
Coworker.org
Creative Commons
Crisis Text Line
CyberPeace Institute
Cyberte telecom
Cycle On Hawaii
Cycle On Hawaii
Daily Bread Food Bank
daltonbookclub.org
Dangerous Speech Project
Daniel 2:28, Inc.
Datenschutzraum e.V.
Defending Rights & Dissent
Demand Progress Education Fund
Denkmal.org
Derechos Digitales
Design Action Collective
DIG/SEC initiative
Digital Citizen Association
Digital Empowerment Foundation
Digital Rights Foundation, Pakistan
Digital Rights Watch
Digital Society School
Digitalanalog

Digitale Gesellschaft
digitalhumanrights.blog
Dioamore.org
Disability Rights Wisconsin
Divine Productions Ministries
The Document Foundation
dojosamoa.org
Domain Name Rights Coalition
DoSomething.org
Downtown Aurora Visual Arts
Drayton Avenue Cooperative Preschool
DroidWiki.org
Droit et Justice
The Drupal Association
Dutch Virtual Reality Foundation
East Bay Housing Organizations
Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting
ECO
ECOSLO - Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo
Ecumenical Council of Bishops and Apostolic Leadership
EDRI
Education Française Bay Area
EL SPACE
Electroacoustic Music Studies Network
Electronic Frontier Finland
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Electronic Privacy Information Center
Elypia CIC
Empower Success Corps
Encrypt Uganda
Engaging Networks
EnJoy Productions
The Environmental Center
epicenter.works
Erinyes.org.au
Erzsébet: The Opera
Esperanto.org
EU.org
European Association for Computer Science Logic
European Center for Not-for-Profit Law Stichting (ECNL)
European Climate Foundation
European Institute of Golf Course Architects
Executive Service Corps of the United States
Fablab LCube
FAImaison
The Family Partnership
Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc
Farm Aid
FDN

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Feeding America
Fight for the Future
Fight Inequality Alliance
FIRE - The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
First United Methodist Church - Irving
Florence Food Share
Fondation Jaluo Du Congo/RDC (FOJAC)
Fondation Litteraire Fleur de Lys
Foothills Community Theatre
Form & Function Digital Co-operative
Fourth Estate
Free Expression Myanmar
Free Press Unlimited
Free Software Foundation
freeCodeCamp.org
Freedom Against Censorship Thailand (FACT)
Freie Software Freunde e. V.
Friends House Moscow
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail
Front Line Defenders
The Frontier Foundation (開拓文教基金會)
FrOSCon e.V.
Fundación Pablo Neruda
fundación Via Libre
Funding the Next Generation
G3L
Galveston Urban Ministries
Galway One World Centre
gameboymusicclub
Gateway Environmental Initiative
Geany e.V. Association
Geek's Home
Gemma's Angels LTD
GenLit.org
GeoCommunities
German Foundation for Data Protection
Gestalt Institute of the Gulf Coast
Giordano-Bruno-Stiftung
Girl Scouts of the USA
GiveInternet.org
Global Birthing Home Foundation
Global Care Impact
Global Charter Consultants (GCC) LLC
Global Footprint Network
Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)
The Global Mission
GNOME Foundation

Gökova Akyaka'yı Sevenler Derneği
Good4Trust.org
GRAIN
Grand Comics Database
GrantStation
Grassland Bird Trust
Greater Raton Economic Development Corporation
GreatFire.org
Greenheart International
Greenpeace
Guatemala United for Animals
Guidepath LLC
Gulf Centre for Human Rights
Habilitation Information Vocation & Education
Habitat for Humanity of Ravalli County
Hackerspace Istanbul
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Happy Jack Cats, Inc.
Harmonized Initiatives of Media for the Spread of Good Nutrition in Region 8
Haskell.org
HealthSpark Foundation
Heard Museum
The Henry Ford
Hermes Center for Transparency and Digital Human Rights
Hiperderecho
Holistic Ministry of Children of the Horn of Africa
Holy Name Housing Corporation
homedistiller.org
Hope 24/7
Hopelink
Horizontal
Hospice Help Foundation
Hostingvereniging Soleus
House of Mercy
Huerto Roma Verde, La Cuadra genera ciudad A.C.
Human Connection
Human Rights Data Analysis Group
Human Rights in the Picture
Human Rights Measurement Initiative
Human Rights Watch
The Humane Society of Elmore County
Humanitarian FOSS Project
Humanitarian Press Foundation, Yemen
HURIDOCS
i freedom Uganda Network
ICT Watch - Indonesia
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IFEX
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Illyse
Immigrant Rights Action
Immigrant Solidarity DuPage
Immunize Nevada
Independent Sector
Index on Censorship
Indybay
The Inetta Fund
Information Ecology
Initiative für Netzfreiheit
Innovation for Change - MENA Hub
Innovation Toronto
The Institute for Publishing Arts, Inc.
Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education (ISKME)
Integrity Watch Afghanistan
Interaction International
InterExchange
Interfaith Cincy
International Association of Movers
International Downtown Association
International Institute for Sustainability Analysis and Strategy
International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB)
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2)
Internet Archive
Internet of Ownership
Internet Policy Observatory Pakistan
Internet Sans Frontières
Internet Society Jakarta Chapter
Internet Society Netherlands Chapter
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ION Medical Safety
Ionic 6
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Job Connection, Inc
Jobs With Justice
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JUMP Math
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Justice and Peace Netherlands
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Karisma Foundation
Kentucky Nonprofit Network
Keshet
Kidney Donor Conversation
Kids Arthritis
Killeen Lodge #1125 A.F. & A.M.
KnowledgeFlow Cybersafety Foundation
LA SEMILLA
LA STAGE Alliance
LA Tech4Good
Lakdiva.org
The Lake Church
Latinos United In Action, Inc.
Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada
The League of Women Voters of the United States
Learn Nigeria Laws
Ledyard C.H.A.I.N.
Legal Legion (loyalty) NPO
LEIBOX Organization
Let's Code Blacksburg!
Liberty and Peace NOW! Human Rights Reporters
LibreFoodPantry
Life Transformation for Africa Initiative
Link Centre
LinuxFr
Liquid Legal Institute e.V.
Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, San Francisco
Little Flower School
Livermore Pride
Long Island Import Export Association
The Los Haro Project
Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers
The Love Foundation
Loving Thunder Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
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Lupine - Natur- und Feinkost
LUX Center for the Arts
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MaineShare
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Majal.org
Make Way for Books

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Manchester Acupuncture Studio
Manusher Jonno Foundation
MapLight
MariaDB Foundation
Mary McDowell Friends School
MasterNewMedia.org
MasterVoices
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Modern Wizard Quarterly
Montana Afterschool Alliance
Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
Montana Independent Living Project
Montana Nonprofit Association
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Montréal JUG
The MRC Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders
Multnomah County Library
Myanmar ICT for Development Organisation
nadir.org
Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA)
National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF)
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National Council of Nonprofits
National Human Services Assembly
National Philanthropic Trust
National PTA
National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Nechung Dorje Drayang Ling
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Veganisme (Dutch Vegan Society)
NEEMFest Productions
Neponset River Watershed Association
Net Learning Center
The NetBSD Foundation
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Nordic Ski Club

New Mexico Thrives
New River Valley Rocketry
New York Avant-Garde Festival Archive Site
New York Council of Nonprofits
Next in Nonprofits
NextStep Raleigh
Nexus Arti e Didattica
Ngetha Media Association for Peace (NMAP)
NICVA
Niko Niko Taishi
None Like Him Anywhere
The Nonprofit Alliance
Nonprofit New York
Nonprofits Insurance Alliance
NorCal Sheltie Rescue, Inc.
North American Conference of Associates and Religious
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits
North Carolina Justice Center
North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations
North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center
North South Foundation
Northbridge Technology Alliance
Northcoast Environmental Center
Northwest Progressive Institute
Nouveaux Voisins
NTEN
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Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation
Ökostadt Rhein-Neckar e.V.
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Open Aid Alliance
Open Culture Foundation (Taiwan)
Open Internet Foundation
Open Knowledge Foundation
Open MIC (Open Media and Information Companies Initiative)
Open Society Foundations
Open Source Ecology Germany
Open Source Initiative
Open Source Matters, Inc.
Open State Foundation
Open Technology Institute
OpenAlt z.s.
OpenArchive
openinverter.org
openswad.org

Operation Enduring Gratitude
Opportunity Resource Fund
Opus 40
Organization for Transformative Works
Our First Right
Our Song Artists
The Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation
Oxfam
Özgür Yazılım Derneği
P.R.A.Y. Publishing
p=p foundation
Packet Clearing House
Padirac Innovation
Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program
Palante Technology Cooperative
Paleoaerie.org
Pan Eros Foundation
Pangea.org
Paper Tiger Television
Paradigm Initiative
The Parallax
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Participatory Budgeting Project
Participatory Culture Foundation
Partisan Press
Pastoralists Indigenous Non Governmental Organization's (PINGO's) Forum
PATH North Dakota, Inc.
Patterson School Foundation
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Peninsula Open Space Trust
Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO)
People For People
Pesticide Action Network North America
Philadelphia Recorder Society
Philippine Human Rights Information Center
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Pinelands Preservation Alliance
Pirate Parties International
Piratpartiet Sverige
Platoniq
Policy Research and Innovation
Premium Traffic Limited
Presentation House Theatre
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Project WET Foundation
Providers' Council
Proyecto sobre Organización, Desarrollo, Educación e Investigación (PODER)
Public Archaeology Corps
Public Citizen

Public Knowledge
Public Library of Science (PLOS)
Public.Resource.Org
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Qurium Media Foundation
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Regular Baptist Ministries
Reliable Hearts
Replicant
The Restart Project
Review.org, LLC
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River Cities Humane Society for Cats
Roadrunner Food Bank, Inc.
Root Access
Rural Felicity
SafeHouse Denver
Saint Benedict Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church
Salam Academy
Salt Works Student Ministries
San Francisco Lyric Chorus
San Francisco Public Health Foundation
San Juan Community Matters
SANE Project
Save the Strays Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
The School of the Spirit Ministry
School on Wheels
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
Second Harvest Asia
Second Harvest Japan
Self-Help International
SELFHTML e.V.
Sentrion S.L.
State Theatre, Inc.
Shifter
Side by Side, Inc
Sierra Club
The Silver Lining Foundation
Simple Machines
Sisters in Pink, Inc.
Skiftet
Smara Foundation

Social Development Centre Waterloo Region
Sociality - Cooperative for Digital Communication Greece
Society for Nonprofits
The Society of Saint Edmund
Softcatalà
Software For Good
Software Freedom Law Center India
Solution Libre SAS
Somewhere.org
Soul Shoppe Programs
Source Foundry
sourcehut
South Bay Historical Railroad Society
South Florida Tech For Seniors
Southern Environmental Law Center
Special Olympics Wyoming, Inc.
Springfactor
Springfield Area Arts Council
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STEPSABQ.org
Stiftung Albumin-Carrier-Therapie
Stin Priza Coop
Stratosphere Research Laboratory
Stuart Center
Sub - Schwules Kommunikations- und Kulturzentrum München e.V.
Sud-Ouest.org
Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association
Sursiendo, Comunicación y Cultura Digital
Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Foundation
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Taiwan Agriculture Exchange Association
Taiwan Kiwanis Children Foundation
Taking Action for Special Kids
Talking Talons Youth Leadership
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TEDIC NGO
Telecommunities Canada
Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum
Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
Texas Presbyterian Foundation
TheChangeBook
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Tulsa Hub Syndicate
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Turbulence.org
Tutanota
Twin Pines Housing
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Ushahidi Inc.
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Washington Trails Association
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