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Minister of Public Safety



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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

Mr. John Curran
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Dear Mr. Curran:

Public Safety Canada leads the Government of Canada's (GoC) cyber security policy activities and works closely with departments and agencies responsible for mitigating cyber security risks. The Internet, however, is largely owned and operated by the private sector and civil society. As such, the continued success of the Internet relies on collaboration among a broad range of actors, including governments across jurisdictions, the public, the private sector and multi-stakeholder organizations like the American Registry for Internet Numbers, Ltd. (ARIN).

Ongoing efforts to counter cybercrime and illicit activities online depends on both government and non-profit organizations such as ARIN. ARIN provides the GoC and the Canadian public with critical routine services such as the advanced routing protocols and the *Whois*/Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) directory which, among supporting critical infrastructure functions, assists in providing data to trace the sources of malicious acts. Various government partners rely on the *Whois*/RDAP directory to facilitate lawful investigations, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other levels of law enforcement in Canada. Canada hopes to be able to continue relying on your ongoing efforts in maintaining these services.

Public Safety Canada recognizes the contribution that ARIN has made to the overall governance of the Internet, particularly as a forum to bring together these diverse stakeholders including governments.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in maintaining and providing the services described here.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marco Mendicino".

The Honourable Marco Mendicino
Minister of Public Safety

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