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Dear Mr. Larry Strickling,

On behalf of the RIR communities, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your tireless efforts in support of the IANA stewardship transition and the multistakeholder model for Internet governance.

Your unwavering support for the Internet multistakeholder community -- and for our readiness to undertake the stewardship responsibility for IANA -- was visionary. We are sure that the historic and critical position of the NTIA, in supporting the evolution of solid multistakeholder governance mechanisms for the Internet, will be recognized far into the future.

More importantly, and hence this recognition, was your tenacity in defending the will of the global Internet community. Your mark on the history of the Internet should be remembered and we are very thankful for that.

With much respect,



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