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The Honorable Penny Pritzker
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Dear Secretary Pritzker:

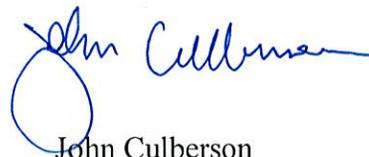
I am aware that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has issued its *IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal Assessment Report*, which concludes that the proposal developed by the global multistakeholder community meets NTIA's criteria. I am writing to remind you of the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus prohibition on using funding for the proposed transition, and of my continued opposition to this dangerous plan.

The United States has always maintained responsibility for administering the critical functions of the Internet, including the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), and protecting the Internet from improper influence by foreign governments, international organizations and bad actors.

Section 539 of the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus prohibits funds provided in the Act from being used to relinquish the NTIA's responsibility for the authoritative root zone file and the IANA functions, and I will ensure that this section is fully enforced.

As we have previously discussed, I continue to oppose the use of any funds to plan for, prepare for, work on, or transition the Internet Domain Name System functions.

Sincerely,



John Culberson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science And
Related Agencies

*This is very
important to me -*