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Dear Board Chair Tripti Sinha and CEO Kurtis Lindqvist,

(Copied: Theresa Swinehart and the ICANN Correspondence Team)

I am writing to you today to request immediate Board and Executive oversight regarding a procedurally invalid and unauthorized staff action taken against the Nameshop application (Application ID: 1-1873-71868).

On 14 July 2026, I received a letter from Theresa Swinehart stating that ICANN staff has unilaterally moved the status of our application to "Terminated."

While I have consistently kept the Board and Executive informed of the ongoing procedural bottleneck regarding this application, I am now formally elevating this specific, newly taken staff action to the Board for immediate review and reversal.

This staff action is an unauthorized administrative overreach. Under the rules of the New gTLD Applicant Guidebook (AGB), an application can only legitimately reach a "Terminated" status if it substantively fails its evaluation or if the applicant voluntarily withdraws it.

As Nameshop has explicitly and repeatedly refused to withdraw the application, and as the application never failed on its merits, the staff possesses no procedural authority to unilaterally "terminate" it. Ms. Swinehart's rationale—that there are "no further avenues" for staff to process the application—is an admission of an internal procedural limitation, not a valid AGB criterion for terminating an active, 12-year application in good faith.

Staff convenience does not supersede the Applicant Guidebook or ICANN's commitment to due process.

I respectfully request that the ICANN Board and CEO exercise your authority to

1. Immediately stay and reverse the unauthorized "Terminated" status applied by staff on the portal.

2. Review the substantive historical record regarding the unaddressed evaluation anomalies of the **.Internet** string, including the most recent correspondence and relevant historical attachments as seen published on the ICANN Correspondence page under the timestamp of 10 June 2026.
3. Direct the delegation of the uncontested **.Internet** string to Nameshop ahead of the next round.

Because this arbitrary status change prejudices a 12-year applicant without cause, I reserve my right to file a formal Request for Reconsideration regarding this specific staff action within the allowable window. However, I submit this to you first in the hope that the Board and CEO will correct this administrative error directly, thereby avoiding further protracted review processes.

Thank you for your time, oversight, and commitment to fairness. I request that the Correspondence Team publish this email response to the public record.

Respectfully,
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