



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Assistant Secretary for Communications**  
**and Information**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Dr. Paul Twomey  
President and CEO  
Internet Corporation for Assigned  
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Dear Dr. Twomey:

On behalf of the Department of Commerce, I hereby approve VeriSign, Inc., as the successor operator for the .net registry. After an examination of the technical expertise and financial stability of VeriSign, Inc., the Department has concluded that VeriSign is well-qualified to operate the .net registry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Gallagher".

Michael D. Gallagher

