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Mr. John Curran  
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Dear Mr. Curran:

As you are aware, the Internet 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 as well as the public and private sectors.

Public Safety Canada leads the Government of Canada's cyber security policy activities, and works closely with departments and agencies responsible for mitigating cyber security risks. Efforts to counter cybercrime and illicit activities online depends on services such as the Whois directory to identify the sources of malicious acts. Various partners, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other levels of law enforcement, rely on the Whois directory to facilitate lawful investigations.

Public Safety Canada recognizes the contribution that the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) has made to the overall governance of the Internet, particularly as a forum to bring together these diverse stakeholders. Public Safety Canada also recognizes the importance of the Whois directory for Canada and Canadians as the use and development of interconnected devices continues to grow.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in maintaining and providing access to the Whois directory.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Blair".

The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., M.P.