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Dear Congressmen:

I write on behalf of Americans for Tax Reform's Digital Liberty to urge you to support Congressman Duffy's Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations to Prohibit the Relinquishment of Internet Responsibilities.

On May 6, 2014 Americans for Tax Reform President, Grover Norquist, wrote in support of the process outlined in H.R. 4342, the DOTCOM Act:

The pending decision to relinquish Department of Commerce oversight of the Internet's basic functioning to an undefined entity without any research or clearly defined process is unacceptable. Since the Department of Commerce announced its plans without a procedure in place, the Obama Administration has not created or even produced an idea of how this type of handover would happen to prevent ill effects.

The Government Accountability Office report required by the DOTCOM Act is an important step to bring greater clarity to this situation. In the mean time, Congressman Duffy's Amendment ensures that the Administration does not take pre-emptive action by prohibiting funding for the purpose of handing over the responsibilities of oversight of generic top-level domain names to an undefined entity.

Digital Liberty looks forward to the passage of the CJS Amendment prohibiting the use of funds for the relinquishment of Internet responsibilities. This Amendment in addition to the DOTCOM Act are essential to preserve Internet freedom, and specifically, the Freedom of Speech, that Americans and other nations currently enjoy.

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Regards,

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