

10 December 2019

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Representative Eshoo,

Thank you for the kind note regarding your introduction of the House Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first message sent on the ARPANET. I wholeheartedly agree with you about the significance of this event. No one could have foreseen that it would lead to the development of the most powerful communications network in history.

On behalf of ICANN, I would like to express our humble appreciation for the recognition of ICANN's role in the development of the Internet. We are also grateful for your historical and unwavering support for the multistakeholder governance model. We look forward to continuing to work with your office as the Internet evolves. Consistent with our mission, we will continue to preserve and enhance the Internet's secure and stable unique identifier systems.

Again, thank you for your support of ICANN and your leadership on Internet governance issues.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors