



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Office of Legislative and**  
**Intergovernmental Affairs**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

June 1, 2016

The Honorable James Lankford  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lankford:

I am writing in response to your May 19, 2016, letter on the subject of transitioning the stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. Secretary Pritzker has asked me to respond on her behalf.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

Steve Haro  
Assistant Secretary  
for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs



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The Honorable Ted Cruz  
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