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The Honorable Mike Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kelly,

This letter is to thank you for introducing H.R. 4367, the Internet Stewardship Act of 2014. The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) believes that it is imperative for any oversight of the Domain Name System (DNS) to remain within the United States, and therefore supports enactment of this legislation.

As you well know, the Internet has become the most powerful telecommunications tool in the world. It is no accident that this has occurred in an atmosphere of freedom and very light regulatory control. This tremendous success has happened in a place protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. It is also no accident that, absent this kind of robust protection of free speech in many parts of the world, the Internet suffers from great censorship. The picture this paints is clear – while it's perfectly reasonable to advocate for even *less* regulation by the U.S. government, it is preposterous to conclude that the Internet would enjoy *more* freedom if oversight for its core functions are sent overseas.

Furthermore, the ACLJ believes that a decision this monumental should be made deliberately and in the scrutiny of the regular legislative process. As such, we support H.R. 4367's core requirement that no transfer or relinquishment of this oversight authority occur unless authorizing legislation is approved by Congress and signed into law by the President. This legislative process is far more appropriate than leaving a decision of this magnitude solely to the Executive Branch.

Again, thank you for introducing H.R. 4367. We hope it will soon be enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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