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Dear ICANN Staff and Members of the PPSAI PDP Working Group:

The SaveDomainPrivacy.org campaign was conceived by privacy providers, who enabled a channel for their customers and other supporters to participate in the PDP comment period. In this regard, we were extremely pleased with the overwhelming support from our customers and the public community of registrants.

Many customers are not aware of the changes in ICANN until they are negatively affected, so this campaign was initiated to bring awareness to the general public of the proposed changes in order to allow users to voice their opinion on the matter. Through this campaign we feel that we have succeeded in giving registrants true representation in the ICANN policy process.

The response from our supporters demonstrates that the issue of WHOIS privacy is a key concern to millions of Internet users, and an area in which ICANN must be mindful of its responsibilities to domain name registrants.

Therefore, on behalf of the providers and supporters of SaveDomainPrivacy.org, we are pleased to submit signatures from 10,042 privacy service supporters (see attached SaveDomainPrivacy_Petition.pdf), who have indicated their support for the SaveDomainPrivacy.org position, copied below.

Due to privacy concerns we are only sharing supporters' first names, initials of their family name and any comment they submitted, so a comment from John Smith would appear as "John S".

Additionally, we have included a few highlights from comments received by signatories, as a means of illustrating the value these customers hold for services that protect their private information online.

Thank you,

1 & 1 Internet
Anonymize.com
BigRock Solutions Ltd.
Blacknight
Domain.com
DomainIt
Domains By Proxy
DomainCocoon Inc.
EasyDNS
Endurance International Group, Inc.
eNom
Epik.com
EuroDNS
GoDaddy

IDCPrivacy.com
InternetX GmbH
Key-Systems, GmbH
Moniker Online Services, LLC
Moniker Privacy Services, LLC
Name.com
Namecheap
NetEarth One, inc.
PDR Ltd.
Perfect Privacy, LLC
Tucows
Web.com
Whoisprivacy.com, Ltd.

Petition Comment Highlights

The comments received frequently fell into a number of broad issue areas, highlighted below:

Physical Safety / Doxing / SWATing

“As a female video game live-streamer, keeping my "IRL" identity hidden from doxing trolls is vital. If my website's registration info were to be revealed for all and sundry, I could be opening myself up to some severe harassment because I was honorable enough to follow the rules they themselves established and provide my authentic contact information. I pay good money for a yearly privacy proxy to protect myself and my family from toxic online elements--you would rob even that security from me and mine?”

Ashley S

“I have worked with mentally ill and people in the justice and correctional systems in Canada in the past and my wife and children are at home where I now work. My wife and children do have concerns for they're safety. Please keep my privacy. It would be different if I was working out of an office and not my home. Thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.”

Blair D

“To continue to run my business while continuing to stay hidden from the rapist I sent to jail.”

Erika M

Separation of Business and Personal Information

“I work at a jewelry store and would also like to sell photography services from a website. Due to the security issues of working in the fine jewelry (ie, diamonds) industry, it would be imperative that my personal information be kept private from the public.”

Brittany M

“I run a small business out of my home. I do not want customers contacting me at my private address. I also think sharing any ones personal information without consent is completely wrong. In this country you are innocent until proven guilty it's unfair and unjust to assume that every person is doing something illegal. Most people, like myself, are trying to provide for their families and secure a future for themselves by legitimate means.”

Jennifer D

“I publish books under another name, and would like to preserve privacy for that identity and domain.”

Karen N

Spam, Scams and Identity Theft

“The amount of spam a small business has to deal with due to insufficient privacy provisions is a waste of resources. Privacy should not be an extra in this day and age. It should be the norm.”

Jamie W

“I already get too much spam. I'm tired of wading through all the junk mail. And why expose more information than necessary (reduce the attack surface area) when there are already too many stolen identity cases?!”

Robert K

Petition Statement:

I, the undersigned, support

- *The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services **to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft***
- *The use of privacy services **by all**, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is “commercial”*
- *That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information **without verifiable evidence** of wrongdoing*