



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Subject: Objection to Transfer of Epik's Registrar Accreditation

July 13, 2023

Dear Sally Costerton, Interim President & CEO,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objection to the approval of the transfer of Epik's registrar accreditation to another owner without first ensuring that all outstanding debts owed to Epik registrar customers are resolved and that full disclosure of all parties with any ownership stake in the new entity is provided.

As an ICANN Business Constituency member, I am deeply committed to the principles of fairness, transparency, and accountability within the domain registration industry. It is with this commitment in mind that I raise my concerns regarding the transfer of Epik's registrar accreditation.

The financial losses incurred by customers who utilized Masterbucks, a payment method provided by Epik registrar, are a matter of significant importance. It is crucial that ICANN, as the governing body responsible for overseeing the domain registration industry, takes decisive action to ensure that all debts owed to these affected customers are satisfactorily resolved prior to any transfer of registrar accreditation. Such action is vital in upholding the integrity of the industry and preserving the trust of the customer base.

Moreover, as an advocate for transparency and responsible business practices, I believe it is imperative that ICANN mandates the disclosure of all parties with any ownership stake in the new entity. This disclosure is essential in order to foster an environment where potential conflicts of interest can be identified and addressed, ultimately ensuring the best interests of the customers are safeguarded.

As a Registered Investment Advisor, I respectfully request that the ICANN Board of Directors thoroughly investigates the concerns raised surrounding Epik's transfer of registrar accreditation and takes all necessary measures to address these issues prior to granting approval. I trust that ICANN, with its dedication to promoting a secure and reliable global internet, will consider my objection seriously and act in the best interests of the Epik registrar customers and the broader domain registration community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Todd Ryan'.

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