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Mr. Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. Chehadé,

As the 50th ICANN Meeting continues in London this week, I'm writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed rollout of the .wine and .vin generic top level domain names (gTLDs).

Since ICANN first announced its plans to launch new gTLDs, I've expressed concerns regarding the economic impact, the potential for consumer confusion, and the increased cybersquatting that could occur without proper checks and balances. While I do not oppose the outright launch of new gTLDs, each application must be carefully scrutinized and take into account the concerns of impacted stakeholders.

Specifically, it's my understanding that the .wine and .vin gTLDs have been met with fierce opposition from the wine industry, both here in the U.S. and around the world. Given these concerns, coupled with the complexities of reaching agreement on Geographic Indications (GIs), I urge you to advocate for the .wine and .vin gTLDs to be permanently withdrawn from consideration.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your high consideration of this important request, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely, *and gratefully,*

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress