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The Honorable Stephen R. Leeds
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Subject: LAW.GOV

Dear Administrator Leeds:

As Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, I am writing today on behalf the American Bar Association, which has almost 400,000 members, to respectfully request your support of the Law Library's application to register the "LAW.GOV" domain name. This domain name would serve as the foundation for a collaborative effort among the Law Library and other federal agencies to provide free Internet access to a search engine for all legislative, regulatory, and judicial resources.

The ABA has long supported the mission of the Law Library of Congress to serve Congress and the nation. Further, ABA policy urges the expansion of public electronic access to government information. These goals would be advanced by according the Law Library this domain name.

Under the able leadership of Law Librarian Roberta Shaffer, the Law Library is poised not only to host the proposed "LAW.GOV" website, but also to collaborate with federal agencies and state, local, and foreign national governments to develop a comprehensive resource that will benefit Congress and the nation. The Law Library of Congress, the nation's de facto national law library, has a proven track record of building, maintaining, and preserving authoritative electronic legal databases such as the Global Legal Information Network and THOMAS.gov.

Granting the "LAW.GOV" domain name to the Law Library of Congress would significantly advance the Law Library's mission to provide legal information to Congress, the federal government and courts, and the American public. Therefore, we strongly support approval by GSA of the Law Library's application for the "LAW.GOV" domain name.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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