To: Members of the CA/Browser Forum and Whomever this May Concern

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Re: Ballot SC-067: "Require domain validation and CAA checks to be performed from multiple Network Perspectives" (including revisions thereto) (the "MPIC Guideline")

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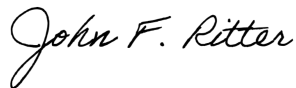
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We trust that MPIC will find valuable and diverse applications across various fields, and we look forward to witnessing the positive impact of open innovation.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

"Multi-Perspective Issuance Corroboration" ("MPIC"), sometimes referred to as "Multi-Vantage-Point Domain Validation" ("Multi-VA") or "Multi-Perspective Domain Validation" ("MPDV") is defined as follows. MPIC is a promising technology that enhances domain validation methods by reducing the likelihood that routing attacks (e.g., BGP hijacking) can result in fraudulently issued TLS server authentication certificates. Rather than performing domain validation from a single geographic or routing vantage point, which an adversary could influence, MPIC implementations perform the same validation from multiple geographic locations or Internet Service Providers and have been observed as an effective countermeasure against ethically conducted, real-world BGP hijacks. MPIC is further described in the following papers:

https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity23/presentation/cimaszewski

https://www.princeton.edu/~pmittal/publications/bgp-tls-usenix18.pdf

https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity21/presentation/birge-lee