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To Whom It May Concern,

The Open Source Initiative (OSI) has been established for 28 years as the global steward of the Open Source definition, founded by the people who coined the term. OSI was recently notified of the intent of NLnet to create .src, a new gTLD focussed on delivering a more stable basis for the global software supply chain that has arisen largely because of the adoption of Open Source. A long term, reliable identifier is currently missing, and our team shares the underlying analysis that the availability of a pro bono domain for Open Source software would be beneficial.

The OSI thus endorses NLnet's application for this new top level domain. We greatly appreciate them taking this initiative, and trust they will work with the community to make this into a long term public utility. The foundation has a track record matched by few organisations, and we hope to continue our collaboration also within this new endeavour.

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