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# VIA E-MAIL (ATTORNEYGENERAL@DOJ.NH.GOV)

The Honorable Gordon MacDonald Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

## Re: Notification of a Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We represent Bristol Community College ("Bristol") in connection with an incident that may have impacted the personal information of three (3) New Hampshire residents, and we provide this notice on behalf of Bristol pursuant to N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 359-C:20.

This notice will be supplemented, if necessary, with any new significant facts discovered subsequent to its submission. While Bristol is notifying you of this incident, Bristol does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident or this notice, or the applicability of New Hampshire law on personal jurisdiction.

## NATURE OF THE SECURITY BREACH OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OR ACCESS

Bristol contracts with the company Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud") to store its donor information within Blackbaud's self-hosted environment. On July 16, 2020, Blackbaud notified Bristol that Blackbaud was impacted by a ransomware event where certain data, including some of Bristol's donors' data, was exfiltrated out of Blackbaud's systems between April 18, 2020, through May 7, 2020. Bristol has since worked diligently to identify the donors whose personal information was contained in the Blackbaud systems, which includes certain New Hampshire residents' names and Social Security Numbers. While Bristol is not aware of any fraud or identity theft to any individual as a result of this incident and cannot confirm if any personal information was actually obtained by an unauthorized party, Bristol is notifying the potentially impacted New Hampshire residents and offering them complimentary credit monitoring.

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## NUMBER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS AFFECTED

The incident may have impacted three (3) New Hampshire residents. Bristol mailed notification letters to these individuals on September 4, 2020. Enclosed is a sample of the notice that is being sent to the impacted residents via first-class United States mail.

## STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT

Upon learning of the incident, Bristol conducted a comprehensive search for any personal information stored in the Blackbaud system. Bristol is formally notifying the potentially impacted New Hampshire residents and is offering them complimentary credit monitoring. Bristol is reviewing its relationship with Blackbaud and the technical controls in place for securing Bristol's data in the Blackbaud systems.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

Bristol Community College Mail Handling Services 777 E Park Dr Harrisburg, PA 17111



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Dear

We are writing to advise you of a recent data security incident involving a company called Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"). Bristol Community College contracts with Blackbaud to store our donor and alumni information within Blackbaud's self-hosted environment.

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On July 16, 2020, Blackbaud notified us, as well as hundreds of other organizations that use its products, that it was impacted by a ransomware event. According to Blackbaud, in May 2020, ransomware was deployed within Blackbaud's environment and some of its data was exfiltrated out of its systems. Blackbaud encrypts most of the data it stores, but some of the less sensitive fields are left unencrypted. As a result, the person who gained access to Blackbaud's network could have accessed your name and Social Security Number.

Upon learning of the incident, we reviewed our internal records to identify who may have been affected. We also worked with Blackbaud to obtain additional information about the nature of the event to determine the risk to your personal information. We determined that some of your personal information may have been affected by the incident. We are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft arising out of the incident, and Blackbaud has assured us that any sensitive information that could lead to a risk of identity theft was encrypted and therefore inaccessible to the bad actor. Nonetheless, we are writing to alert you of the incident and encourage you to diligently monitor your personal accounts.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are also offering you a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

We value the trust you place in us and take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously. We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. We are committed to taking steps to help prevent this from happening again, including reviewing our relationship with Blackbaud and the technical controls they have in place for securing our data. For further assistance, please call 1-844-305-4194 from 8am to 5pm Eastern Time, Monday – Friday.

Sincerely,

Paula Popeo, Executive Director of Development

#### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: 11/22/2020 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number **endoted** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

#### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>**: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

## Activate your membership today at <u>https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit</u> or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

#### **Additional Important Information**

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Credit Reports: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GΑ 30348. You can print а сору of the request form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
1-866-349-5191	1-888-397-3742	1-800-888-4213
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 2002	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016

**Fraud Alerts:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

<u>Credit and Security Freezes</u>: You may have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information:

Equifax Security Freeze 1-888-298-0045 <u>www.equifax.com</u> P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion Security Freeze 1-888-909-8872 <u>www.transunion.com</u> P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 <u>New York State Residents</u>: New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; <u>https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft</u>; (800) 771-7755.

<u>North Carolina Residents</u>: North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

**Rhode Island Residents**: We believe that this incident affected 10 Rhode Island residents. Rhode Island residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>. You have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.