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

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 Potential Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We represent Christy Sports, LLC ("Christy Sports") in connection with an incident that involved the personal information of twenty-three (23) New Hampshire residents and provide this notice on behalf of Christy Sports 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 Christy Sports is notifying you of this incident, Christy Sports does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident or this notice, or the applicability of New Hampshire law on personal jurisdiction.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INCIDENT**

On August 31, 2020, Christy Sports was notified of a potential issue with its website (https://store.christysports.com/). Upon being notified, Christy Sports immediately conducted an internal investigation. Christy Sports also hired a leading computer forensic firm. On September 10, 2020, Christy Sports identified a malicious computer code on its website and immediately closed its online store. Christy Sports determined that the code was active from July 1, 2020, until September 10, 2020. The code was designed to collect information typed into the website's checkout page as customers made purchases and deliver that information to the unauthorized third party. This information included individuals' names, email addresses, physical addresses, and credit or debit card information. It did not include individuals' Social Security numbers or other financial information.

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### NUMBER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS AFFECTED

On September 22, 2020, Christy Sports confirmed that the incident may have impacted twentythree (23) New Hampshire residents. Christy Sports began notifying the impacted residents of the situation by letter yesterday, November 4, 2020, via first-class, United States mail. Enclosed is sample of the notice letter that is being sent to the impacted New Hampshire residents.

## STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT

Upon discovering the incident, Christy Sports removed the malicious code from its website. In addition, Christy Sports conducted an investigation to identify the capability of that code and then identify the individuals whose information was entered on the websites during the at-risk window. Christy Sports has also implemented steps to strengthen its website security. Finally, as discussed above, Christy Sports is notifying impacted individuals and providing them with information on how they can protect themselves against fraudulent activity and identity theft.

## **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



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#### Dear <</Name 1>>:

Christy Sports greatly values and respects the privacy of your information and we take our role as stewards of that information very seriously, which is why we are writing to advise you of a recent incident that may have involved some of your personal information. We were recently notified of a possible issue with our website (https://store.christysports.com/) and immediately conducted a forensic investigation. On September 10, 2020, we identified malicious code on our website and promptly closed our online store. The code was active from July 1, 2020, until September 10, 2020, and was designed to collect information from the website's checkout page and deliver it to an unauthorized third party.

We are notifying you because, as a result of our investigation into this incident, on September 22, 2020, we determined that you made a purchase on our website during the time the malicious code was active. As a result, some of your information, including your name, email address, physical address and credit or debit card information ending in <<Variable Data>>, may have been obtained by the third party. **The incident did not impact your Social Security number.** 

We take this situation very seriously and have taken additional technical steps to further secure Christy Sports' website and prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future. We also recommend that you check your debit or credit card statements for fraudulent charges and review the enclosed information for steps you can take to protected yourself from fraud and identity theft.

We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 888-905-0355 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Matt Gold Chief Executive Officer, Christy Sports LLC

#### **Additional Important Information**

As mentioned above, your Social Security number was not impacted so we do not believe your identity is at risk as a result of this incident. Nonetheless, 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 to 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.

Under Massachusetts law, 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. Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze can be placed without any charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
<u>www.equifax.com</u>	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);

2. Social Security Number;

3. Date of birth;

4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years; 5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;

6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and

7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: 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, GA 30348. You can print a copy 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
<u>www.equifax.com</u>	<u>www.experian.com</u>	<u>www.transunion.com</u>
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 1000
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. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish 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	Experian Security Freeze 1-888-397-3742	TransUnion Security Freeze 1-888-909-8872
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Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

**<u>Iowa Residents</u>**: Iowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Iowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

<u>Maryland Residents</u>: Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 220 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023.

**North Carolina Residents**: 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, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, (877) 566-7226.

<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>Rhode Island Residents</u>**: We believe that this incident affected <u>Rhode Island residents</u>. 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>Vermont Residents</u>: If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll-free in Vermont only).