

VIA E-MAIL (DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov)

January 16, 2024

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

RE: Notice of Security Breach

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my client National Right to Work Legal Defense and Education Foundation, Inc., a/k/a National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Inc., (the "Foundation"), located at 8001 Braddock Road, Suite 600, Springfield, VA 22160, to notify you of a recent incident that affected the security of one (1) New Hampshire resident's

The Foundation is providing this notice in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. § 359-C:19 et seq. By providing this notice, the Foundation does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

On November 12, 2023, the Foundation became aware of a ransomware attack on its computer network. The Foundation's IT department promptly shut down the network to halt the progress of the attack and lock down the network. The Foundation retained outside cyber security experts to investigate the incident and to put in place security measures to strengthen its network against similar incidents in the future. In conducting the forensic investigation, the Foundation confirmed the threat actors have not regained access to its systems.

The Foundation also took steps to analyze the potentially affected data to determine the scope of the incident and what data, if any, the threat actors may have accessed or acquired. The Foundation determined that the threat actors exfiltrated certain limited data.

On, or about, January 17, 2023, the Foundation will mail, via United Sates First-Class mail, a notification letter to the New Hampshire resident, in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. § 359-C:20. This notice will be provided in substantially the same form as the enclosed letter.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact me at the number provided below.

Very truly yours,

Reena Bajowala

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Mark A. Mix President

January 17, 2024

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address>> <<Address 2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Please read this letter in its entirety.

We are writing to notify you of a recent data security incident that may affect the security of some of your sensitive personal information.

Although we have no indication of identity theft or fraud in relation to this event, we take the protection of your information very seriously and are contacting you directly to explain the circumstances, our response, and additional measures you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On Sunday, November 12, 2023, we became aware of a ransomware attack on our computer network. Upon discovering the incident, we promptly shut down our network to halt the progress of the attack and lock down our network, and we retained outside cyber security experts to investigate the incident. The investigation revealed that an unknown third party exploited a vulnerability in a public-facing forum and deployed tools to gain remote access to our network. From there, the threat actor deployed ransomware and encrypted systems, as well as files on those systems. Through the investigation, we determined that the threat actor exfiltrated certain limited data.

It appears that this cyber attack is a random attack by an unknown threat actor. We have notified and are working with law enforcement on this incident. These actions have not delayed this notice.

Through our investigation, we have been able to determine the threat actor accessed or acquired some documents that contain your personal data.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation has shown the threat actors have obtained the following personal data associated with you:

What We Are Doing. Upon discovering the threat actor's exploitation, our IT department promptly shut down our network and began working closely with cybersecurity experts to investigate the incident and to put in place security measures to strengthen our network against similar incidents in the future. We also took steps to analyze the potentially affected data to

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determine the scope of the incident and what data, if any, the threat actors may have accessed or acquired. In conducting the forensic investigation, we confirmed the threat actors have not regained access to our systems. Further, we are evaluating our procedures with respect to data that we maintain on our servers, are reviewing security policies for any potential updates, and are revisiting our cybersecurity standards.

What You Can Do. We want to make sure you are aware of steps you may take to guard against potential identity theft or fraud. We strongly urge you to review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information* for information about what you can do to safeguard against possible misuse of your information. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors for the next

and to report suspected identity theft incidents to us, local law enforcement, or your state's attorney general.

For More Information. If you have further questions or concerns about this incident, you may call 1-800-336-3600 Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern Time (excluding U.S. holidays).

Sincerely,

Mark A. Mix

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For residents of District of Columbia, Maryland, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

DC Attorney General 400 6 th Street NW Washington, DC 20001 1-202-727-3400 www.oag.dc.gov	Maryland Office of Attorney General 200 St. Paul Pl Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 https://www.maryland attorneygeneral.gov/	North Carolina Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Ctr Raleigh, NC 27699 1-877-566-7226 https://ncdoj.gov/	Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.identitytheft.gov
	<u>attorneygeneral.gov/</u>		

For residents of all states:

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing payment card account statements and monitoring your credit reports for suspicious or unusual activity and immediately report any suspicious activity or incidents of identity theft.

You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies listed below. To order your free credit report, please visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <u>www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</u>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts, free of charge, by contacting any of the three credit bureaus listed below. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. Initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency listed below.

In order to place the security freeze for yourself, your spouse, or a minor under the age of 16, you may need to provide your full name, address for the past two years, date of birth, Social Security number, proof of identity and proof of address as requested by the credit reporting company. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password, which will be required to lift the freeze, which you can do either temporarily or permanently. It is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/edu cation/credit/report/articles/-/learn/ how-to-get-your-free-credit-report/	https://www.experian.com/ consumer-products/free-credit- report.html	https://www.transunion.com/ annual-credit-report
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Consumer Fraud Division, P.O. Box 105069, Atlanta, GA 30348 https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/ Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf	Experian Fraud Center, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/fraud/ center.html	TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Department, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016 www.transunion.com/fraud-victim- resource/place-fraud-alert
Equifax Security Freeze, P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348 www.equifax.com/personal/credit -report-services/credit-freeze/	Experian Security Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013 http://www.experian.com/ freeze/center.html	TransUnion Security Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094 www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

Additional Information: The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state attorney general.