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#### VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Joseph Foster Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol St Concord, NH 03301

Re:

**Incident Notification** 

Dear Attorney General Foster:

Our client, The Online Traffic School ("OLTS"), understands the importance of protecting the personal information provided by its customers. OLTS operates a number of websites that offer online traffic school, defensive driving and driver education. On July 26, 2017, OLTS discovered that an unauthorized individual gained access to part of its computer network that supports the applications and websites that it operates. OLTS immediately took steps to block any further unauthorized access, engaged a leading forensic investigation firm to determine what happened and assist in implementing enhanced security measures, and notified the payment card networks. The investigation determined that an unauthorized person may have been able to acquire customers' names, addresses, email addresses, payment card numbers and expiration dates, and, in some cases, usernames and passwords for OTLS's websites.

As part of its efforts to address this issue, OTLS is requiring affected users to change their passwords. If such customers use the same username and password for any other account, OTLS is recommending that the customers change their password there as well. In addition, OLTS has established a dedicated call center that potentially affected individuals can contact with questions. OLTS is also recommending that potentially affected individuals remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing their account statements and credit reports for unauthorized activity.

Today, OTLS is beginning to send written notification via U.S. mail to 70 New Hampshire residents in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20 in substantially the

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same form as the attached letter. Notice is being provided as expeditiously as practicable and without delay.

To help prevent this from happening again, OLTS has remediated the vulnerability and implemented additional safeguards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Haggerty

Partner

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Sample Customer 123 Sample St Dublin, OH 43017 1234

Dear Sample Customer,

At The Online Traffic School ("OLTS"), we value our customers and understand the importance of protecting personal information. OLTS operates a number of websites that offer online traffic school, defensive driving and driver education. We are writing to inform you that we recently identified and addressed a security incident that may have involved your payment card information. This notice describes the incident, measures we have taken, and some steps you can take to further protect your information.

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We remind you to remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing your account statements for any unauthorized activity. You should immediately report any unauthorized charges to your financial institution because the payment card network rules general state that cardholders are not responsible for fraudulent charges that are timely reported. You should also review the additional information on the following page.

We regret any inconvenience or concern this may have caused. To help prevent this from happening again, we have remediated the vulnerability and implemented additional safeguards. If you have any questions, or you need further assistance, please call (866) 680-8159, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

Jay Huie

Chief Financial Officer

# MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

We remind you to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

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If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), <a href="www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a>

If you are a resident of Connecticut, Maryland, or North Carolina, you may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at:

Connecticut Attorney General's Office, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, www.ct.gov/ag

Maryland Attorney General's Office, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-888-743-0023 (toll free when calling within Maryland) 1-410-576-6300 (for calls originating outside Maryland)

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-877-566-7226

Fraud Alerts: There are two types of fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least 90 days. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by contacting any of the three national credit reporting agencies.

Credit Freezes: You may have the right to put 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 a 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. In addition, you may incur fees to place, lift and/or remove a credit freeze. Credit freeze laws vary from state to state. The cost of placing, temporarily lifting, and removing a credit freeze also varies by state, generally \$5 to \$20 per action at each credit reporting company. 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.

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

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- 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.)
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of 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 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 identity 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.

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Fair Credit Reporting Act: You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, which promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. The FTC has published a list of the primary rights created by the FCRA (https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf), and that article refers individuals seeking more information to visit www.ftc.gov/credit. The FTC's list of FCRA rights includes:

- You have the right to receive a copy of your credit report. The copy of your report must contain all the information in your file at the time of your request.
- Each of the nationwide credit reporting companies Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion is required to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months.
- You are also entitled to a free report if a company takes adverse action against you, like denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment, and you ask for your report within 60 days

of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the credit reporting company. You're also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to look for a job within 60 days; if you're on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.
- Access to your file is limited. And you must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.
- You may seek damages from violators.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.



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