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June 28, 2023

# VIA U.S. MAIL

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

# Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Roosevelt University ("Roosevelt") located at 430 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605, and write to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to thirty-nine (39) New Hampshire residents. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Roosevelt 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.

# Nature of the Data Event

On or about May 1, 2023, Roosevelt became aware of suspicious activity in its computer network. Roosevelt immediately took steps to secure their network and minimize any disruption to its operations. Roosevelt launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the incident with the assistance of third-party specialists. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to certain parts of the network on May 1, 2023.

Following this determination, Roosevelt began an in-depth process to identify the information that may have been contained in the impacted environment, identify the individuals whose information may have been impacted, and reviewed internal Roosevelt records to identify address information for potentially impacted individuals for purposes of providing notification. This process concluded on May 25, 2023. The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes

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## Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On or about June 28, 2023, Roosevelt provided written notice of this incident to thirty-nine (39)New Hampshire residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

# Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Roosevelt moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Roosevelt systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Roosevelt notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. Roosevelt is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Roosevelt is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve , through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Roosevelt is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Roosevelt is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

Roosevelt is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state and federal regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Roosevelt also notified law enforcement of this incident and is cooperating with its investigation.

# **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at

Very truly yours,

Richard Aponte-Boyd of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT** A

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Return Mail to IDX: PO Box 480149 Niles, IL 60714

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address 1>> <<Address 2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip Code>>

June 28, 2023

## RE: NOTICE OF <<Variable Text I >>

Dear <<Name 1>> <<Name 2>>:

Roosevelt University ("Roosevelt") writes to make you aware of an incident that may affect the security of some of your personal information. The security of information is among Roosevelt's highest priorities, and this letter provides details of the incident, our response to it, and resources available to you to help protect your personal information from possible misuse, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On or about May 1, 2023, Roosevelt became aware of suspicious activity in our computer network. We immediately took steps to secure our network and minimize any disruption to our operations. We launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the incident with the assistance of third-party specialists. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to certain parts of our network on May 1, 2023.

Following this determination, we began an in-depth process to identify the information that may have been contained in the impacted environment, identify the individuals whose information may have been impacted, and reviewed internal Roosevelt records to identify address information for potentially impacted individuals. This process concluded on May 25, 2023. Roosevelt is notifying you out of an abundance of caution because the investigation determined that information relating to a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") received by Roosevelt may have been accessed or acquired by an unknown unauthorized person.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined the following types of personal information may have been accessed without authorization: actual misuse of your information.

What We Are Doing. Information security is among Roosevelt's highest priorities, and we have strict security measures in place to protect information in our care. Upon becoming aware of this incident, we immediately took steps to confirm the security of our systems. We are reviewing existing security policies and implemented additional cybersecurity measures to further protect against similar incidents moving forward. We reported this incident to law enforcement and are cooperating with their investigation. We are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that you may take steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. We are also reporting to regulatory authorities, as required.

As an added precaution, we are offering you access to credit monitoring and identity theft protection services for months at no cost to you, through IDX. You can find information on how to enroll in these services in the below "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information." We encourage you to enroll in these services as we are not able to do so on your behalf. Please note the deadline to enroll is September 28, 2023. What You Can Do. 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. Please also review the information contained in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information."

For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 1-888-769-0362, Monday – Friday from 8 am – 8 pm Central time. We take this incident very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Roosevelt University

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

# Enroll in Credit Monitoring

1. Website and Enrollment. Go to Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. and follow the instructions for enrollment using your

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2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

3. Telephone. Contact IDX at to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

4. Review your credit reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call

You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a lyear alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., 11, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, etc.); and

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

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-
rcport-services/		help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

## Additional Information

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You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-72 7-3400; and <u>oag.dc.gov.</u>

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and <u>www.oag.state.md.us.</u> Roosevelt University is located at 430 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov/.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and <u>www.ncdoj.gov.</u>

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rl 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are [#] Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.