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Attorney General Gordon MacDonald
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03302

Re: Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We represent Virginia Gay Hospital with respect to an incident involving the potential exposure of certain personal information described in detail below.

Nature of the possible security breach or unauthorized use or access

On June 18, 2019, Virginia Gay Hospital determined that patient information contained in an email account may have been accessed by an unknown third party. Virginia Gay Hospital engaged computer forensic experts to help investigate and determine what information may have been impacted. It was determined that the potentially compromised information included patient names, dates of birth, social security numbers, and medical information. Virginia Gay Hospital has no evidence to suggest that patient data is being misused at this time.

Number of New Hampshire residents potentially affected

Three (3) New Hampshire residents were affected in this potential incident. Virginia Gay Hospital is sending the potentially impacted individuals a letter, via first class mail, notifying them of this incident. The letter will be sent on August 16, 2019. A copy of the notification sent to the potentially impacted individuals is included with this letter, which informs the New Hampshire residents about the 12 months of credit monitoring and identity theft protection services that is being offered.

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Steps Virginia Gay Hospital has taken or plans to take relating to the potential incident

Virginia Gay Hospital has taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, including increased employee awareness, tightened security rules on access, firewall and email applications.

Other notification and contact information

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at William.Sanders@wilsonelser.com or (214) 698-8063.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

/s/ William Sanders

William Sanders



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Dear << Name 1>>:

We are writing to inform you of an incident which may have exposed your name, date of birth, social security number, and medical information. We take the security of your personal information seriously and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information. This letter contains information about the incident and resources we are making available to you.

What happened and what information was involved:

On June 18, 2019, Virginia Gay Hospital determined that your information was contained in an email account that may have been accessed by an unknown third party. We engaged computer forensic experts to help us investigate and determine what information may have been impacted. The information included your name, date of birth, social security number, and medical information. Although we have no evidence to suggest that your sensitive information was accessed by the intruder, out of an abundance of caution we wanted to make you aware you of this matter and provide you with information and resources you can use to protect yourself.

What we are doing:

Because we value the safety of your information, we are offering identity theft protection services through Epiq, the data breach and recovery services expert, to provide you with TransUnion 1B Credit Monitoring/Id Theft Restoration. These services include: 12 months of credit monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, exclusive educational materials and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, TransUnion 1B Credit Monitoring/Id Theft Restoration will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

Additionally, we have taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future, including increased employee awareness, tightened security rules on access, firewall and email applications.

What you can do:

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (myTrueldentity) for one year provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

To enroll in this service, go to the *my*Trueldentity website at <u>www.mytrueidentity.com</u> and in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code" enter the following 12-letter Activation Code <<Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.

You can sign up for the online credit monitoring service anytime between now and <<Enrollment Date>>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion, or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

If you believe you may be a victim of identity theft, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code << Pass Code>> to speak to a TransUnion representative about your identity theft issue.

For more information:

You will find detailed instructions for enrollment on the enclosed Recommended Steps document. Also, you will need to reference the following enrollment code below when calling or enrolling on the website, so please do not discard this letter.

Your enrollment code: << Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>>

Please call 855-940-0843 or go for assistance or for any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Dietsch, CFO

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREVENT FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

Complimentary One-Year myTrueIdentity Credit Monitoring Service

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, <u>at no cost to you</u>, in an online credit monitoring service (myTrueIdentity) for one year provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery

- To enroll in this service, go to the myTrueIdentity website at www.MyTrueIdentity.com and, in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code," enter the 12-letter Activation Code <<Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based credit monitoring service, via U.S. mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode <<6 digit passcode>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and **Enrollment Deadline>>**. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE:

- Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score.
- The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more.
- The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security 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 security 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 security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com/freeze/center.html w TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/creditfreeze Equifax P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 1-800-685-1111

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will 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.);
- 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.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year 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 agencies listed below:

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19106 1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com/fraudvictim-resource/place-fraudalert **Equifax**

P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-888-766-0008

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

Although we have no reason to believe that your personal information has been used to file fraudulent tax returns, you can contact the IRS at www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection for helpful information and guidance on steps you can take to address a fraudulent tax return filed in your name and what to do if you become the victim of such fraud. You can also visit www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft for more information.

To monitor for actual or attempted misuse of Social Security benefits, you can create an account at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. If you see an error or attempted misuse of social security benefits, you can go to your local Social Security Office for assistance. Local offices can be found using the following office locator - https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp.

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); 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.

Additional Important Information

For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that 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. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, 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 https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of lowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, and North Carolina:

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

Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection 150 South Main Street Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov North Carolina Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com **Federal Trade Commission**

Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For residents of Massachusetts: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. 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. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below:

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

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. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be pro vided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a freeze. You may obtain a security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 www.freeze.equifax.com 800-525-6285 Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze 888-397-3742 TransUnion (FVAD) P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 <u>freeze.transunion.com</u> 800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.