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Dear Attorney General,

We are writing to notify you of a breach of security which resulted in an unauthorized access of personal information involving 15 New Hampshire residents.

On March 1, 2016 we were notified by our Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS) provider of suspicious activity. It was determined that someone was using the HR manager's login to change the direct deposit routing and account information for Abel Womack's employees. During this process the hacker had access to the employee's name, bank routing number and bank account number. At this time it does not appear that any other personal information was accessed.

We were able to interrupt the hack, but not before half of our employees had their information accessed and changed. Employees affected reside in several states –

- 15 – New Hampshire
- 42 – Massachusetts
- 2 – Maine
- 21 – New York
- 1 – Rhode Island
- 25 – Connecticut
- 1 – New Jersey

We have sent all employees a notice of the breach via corporate email. We are keeping them informed and answering individual questions as we learn more about what happened.

We have confirmed that this week's payroll was processed before the breach occurred. We have also confirmed that all paychecks have been routed to the correct financial institution for each employee. We have had our employees contact their banks for advice and assistance in taking the necessary steps to protect their accounts. Employees have been required to change their direct deposit information in the HRIS system to ensure that their paychecks are properly processed. Any employee who has not updated their information, has had direct deposit removed from their account until such time that they activate it themselves. The HR Manager's password for the HRIS site has been changed and we are implementing a 2 step verification for administrators on the site.

The Lawrence, Massachusetts Police Department has been informed of the incident and are contacting state and federal authorities to determine the best course of action going forward. We have also contacted Green Dot bank, the bank where the hacker was re-directing all of the direct deposits. They have suspended the accounts involved, such that attempts to retrieve or deposit money into those accounts will be denied. Green Dot's incident case number is SF1458497.

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Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact –

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