

July 24, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Attorney General John Formella
Consumer Protection Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301
attorneygeneral@doj.nh.gov

Re: Notification of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Formella:

Constangy, Brooks, Smith, and Prophete LLP represents Andrews McMeel Universal (“AMU”) in connection with a recent data security incident described in greater detail below. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the incident in compliance with New Hampshire’s data breach notification statute. This letter is being sent to supplement the notice provided by AMU on March 22, 2023, because five (5) additional New Hampshire residents were notified on July 24, 2023. In total, the personal information of eleven (11) New Hampshire residents may have been involved in this incident.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

On November 19, 2022, AMU experienced a network disruption. AMU immediately took steps to secure the network environment. AMU also engaged cybersecurity experts to assist with safely restoring operations, to investigate the incident, and to determine if any personal information was impacted. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to and obtained certain data from the AMU network between November 17, 2022 and November 19, 2022. On January 4, 2023, AMU determined that New Hampshire residents’ personal information was involved in this incident. On February 20, 2023, AMU determined that additional New Hampshire residents’ personal information was affected by the incident. Once the full universe of impacted data was determined, AMU worked with a data mining vendor to extract all information necessary to assess potential consumer notification obligations. Then, on July 14, 2023, AMU determined that additional New Hampshire residents’ personal information was involved in this incident.

Please note that to date, there is no reason to believe that personal information of impacted individuals has been misused as a result of this incident.

2. Number of Affected New Hampshire Residents Impacted

On January 25, 2023, AMU notified five (5) New Hampshire residents by letter mailed via first class U.S. mail. On March 22, 2023, AMU notified one (1) additional resident by letter mailed via first class U.S. mail. Then, on July 24, 2023, AMU notified an additional five (5) New Hampshire residents by letter mailed via first class U.S. mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this correspondence.

The impacted information varies by individual, but may include the residents'

3. **Measures Taken to Address the Incident**

In response to the incident, AMU retained cybersecurity experts and launched a forensics investigation to determine the source and scope of the compromise. AMU implemented additional security measures to further harden its environment in an effort to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. AMU also reported this incident to federal law enforcement and is cooperating with the investigation.

AMU is notifying the affected individuals and providing resources and steps individuals can take to help protect their information. The notification letter also offers complimentary identity protection services to each individual whose personal information was affected by this event, including credit monitoring, dark web monitoring, \$1 million identity fraud loss reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. Those services are offered through IDX. IDX will also support a call center for at least 90 days to answer questions and assist with enrollment.

Finally, AMU is reporting this incident to the three credit reporting agencies: Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion.

4. **Contact Information**

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this incident, please do not hesitate to contact me at

Sincerely,

Donna Maddux of
Constangy, Brooks, Smith, and Prophete LLP

Encl.: Sample Notification Letter



4145 SW Watson Ave.
Suite 400
Beaverton, OR 97005

<<first name>> <<last name>>
<<address>> <<address2>>
<<city>>, <<state>><<zip>>

July 24, 2023

Re: Notice of Data <<Security Incident/Breach>>

Dear <<first name>> <<lastname>>:

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by Andrews McMeel Universal that may have involved your personal information. At Andrews McMeel Universal, we take the privacy and security of the personal information in our possession very seriously. That is why we are notifying you of the incident, providing you with steps you can take to help protect your personal information, and are offering you the opportunity to enroll in complimentary credit monitoring and identity monitoring.

What Happened? On November 19, 2022, Andrews McMeel Universal experienced a network disruption. We immediately took steps to secure the network environment. We also engaged cybersecurity experts to assist us with safely restoring our operations, to investigate the incident, and to determine if any personal information was impacted. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to and obtained certain data from the Andrews McMeel Universal network between November 17, 2022, and November 18, 2022. On July 14, 2023, we determined that your personal information was involved.

What Information Was Involved? The information involved may include your name and <<variable text>>.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above. We also notified law enforcement and are cooperating with the resulting investigation. We are providing you with information about steps you can take to help protect your personal information. In addition, we are offering you complimentary identity monitoring and recovery services for _____ through IDX as described below.

What You Can Do: We recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to protect your personal information. We also encourage you to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring and identity monitoring IDX services, which are free to you upon enrollment, include a subscription for the following: single bureau credit monitoring, CyberScan dark web monitoring, fully-managed identity recovery services, and \$1 million in identity theft insurance coverage. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18, and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

Please note you must enroll by You will need to reference the enrollment code at the top of this letter
when calling or enrolling online, so please do not discard this letter.

For More Information: If you have any questions about the complimentary services or need assistance, please contact customer service for IDX at 1-800-939-4170. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time. IDX representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

On behalf of Andrews McMeel Universal, please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any concern or inconvenience this matter may cause you. We want to emphasize that we are taking this situation extremely seriously as the privacy and protection of personal information is a top priority for Andrews McMeel Universal. We have taken and continue to take steps to protect against a similar incident from occurring in the future.

Sincerely,

Alexander H. Sareyan
Chief Executive Officer
Andrews McMeel Universal

Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

Experian

P.O. Box 4500
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

Equifax

P.O. Box 740256
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-378-4329
www.equifax.com

Free Annual Report

P.O. Box 105281
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-877-322-8228
annualcreditreport.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Security Freeze: Under U.S. law, you have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC or from your respective state Attorney General about steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
consumer.ftc.gov, and
www.ftc.gov/idtheft
1-877-438-4338

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>.

Additional information:

District of Columbia: The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia can be reached at 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; oag@dc.gov; <https://oag.dc.gov/>

California: The California Attorney General can be reached at: 1300 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2919; 800-952-5225; <http://oag.ca.gov/>

Maryland: The Maryland Attorney General can be reached at: 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202; 888-743-0023; oag@state.md.us or IDTheft@oag.state.md.us; <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>

North Carolina: The North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, can be reached at: 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; <https://ncdoj.gov/>

New York: The New York Attorney General can be reached at: Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005; 212-416-8433; <https://ag.ny.gov/>

Rhode Island: The total number of individuals receiving notification of this incident at this time is 2,893. The Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903, <http://www.riag.ri.gov>

Texas: The Texas Attorney General can be reached at: 300 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; 800-621-0508; texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/

Vermont: The Vermont Attorney General's Office can be reached at: 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609; 802-828-3171; ago.info@vermont.gov; <https://ago.vermont.gov/>