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**VIA E-MAIL (ATTORNEYGENERAL@DOJ.NH.GOV)**  
**AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

The Honorable Gordon MacDonald  
Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire  
Office of the Attorney General  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

***Re: Notification of a Data Security Incident***

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We represent Bridgewater State University (“Bridgewater State”), a state university in Massachusetts, in connection with an incident that involved the personal information of six hundred twenty-five (625) New Hampshire residents and provide this notice on behalf of Bridgewater State pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20.

This notice will be supplemented, if necessary, with any new significant facts discovered subsequent to its submission. While Bridgewater State is notifying you of this incident, Bridgewater State does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident or this notice, or the applicability of New Hampshire law on personal jurisdiction.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INCIDENT**

Bridgewater State contracts with a vendor, Blackbaud, Inc. (“Blackbaud”), to store information about Bridgewater State’s alumni and donors, including individuals’ dates of birth and Social Security numbers, within Blackbaud’s self-hosted environment. On July 16, 2020, Blackbaud notified Bridgewater State, as well as hundreds of other organizations that use its products, that Blackbaud was impacted by a ransomware event.

According to Blackbaud, in May 2020, ransomware was deployed within Blackbaud’s environment, and some of its data was exfiltrated out of its systems. Blackbaud encrypts most of the data it stores, but some fields were left unencrypted. As a result, the person who gained

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access to Blackbaud's network could have accessed personal information related to Bridgewater State's alumni and donors, including individuals' names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers. The incident did not impact payment card data or financial account information.

Upon learning of the incident, Bridgewater State reviewed its internal records to identify which of its alumni and donors may have been affected. Bridgewater State also worked with Blackbaud to obtain additional information about the nature of the event to determine the risk to personal information.

### **NUMBER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS AFFECTED**

On August 19, 2020, Bridgewater State confirmed that six hundred twenty-five (625) New Hampshire residents may have been impacted by this incident. Bridgewater State is notifying the impacted residents of the situation by letter today, August 28, 2020. The notification letter includes an offer for one (1) year of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection. Enclosed is a sample of the notice letter that is being sent to the impacted residents via first-class United States mail.

### **STEPS TAKEN RELATED TO THE INCIDENT**

As noted, upon learning of the incident, Bridgewater State promptly reviewed its records to determine which of its alumni and donors may have been affected by Blackbaud's data incident. As discussed above, Bridgewater State is notifying impacted individuals and providing them with information on how they can protect themselves against fraudulent activity and identity theft. It is important to note that Bridgewater State has not collected Social Security numbers of alumni or donors since 2012, and has now purged this information, which Blackbaud did not adequately protect, from the system. Finally, Bridgewater State is also reviewing its relationship with Blackbaud.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce A. Radke".

Bruce A. Radke

Enclosure

Bridgewater State University  
Mail Handling Services  
777 E Park Dr  
Harrisburg, PA 17111



[REDACTED]

August 31, 2020

Dear [REDACTED]:

We are writing to advise you of a recent data security incident involving a company called Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"). Bridgewater State University contracts with Blackbaud to store alumni and donor information within Blackbaud's self-hosted environment.

On July 16, 2020, Blackbaud notified us, as well as hundreds of other organizations worldwide that use its products, that it was impacted by a ransomware event. According to Blackbaud, in May 2020, ransomware was deployed within Blackbaud's environment and some of its data was exfiltrated out of its systems. Blackbaud has confirmed that the exfiltrated data was destroyed, and has stated that **"based on the nature of the incident, our research, and third party (including law enforcement) investigation, we have no reason to believe that any data went beyond the cybercriminal, was or will be misused; or will be disseminated or otherwise made available publicly."**

Upon learning of the incident, we reviewed our internal records to identify who may have been affected. We also worked with Blackbaud to obtain additional information about the nature of the event to determine the risk to your personal information. We determined that some of your personal information, including your name and Social Security number, may have been affected by the incident.

Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.**

We value the trust you place in us and take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously. We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. We are committed to taking steps to help prevent this from happening again, including reviewing our relationship with Blackbaud and the technical controls they have in place for securing our data. **Bridgewater State University has not collected Social Security numbers of alumni or donors since 2012, and has now purged this information, which Blackbaud did not adequately protect, from the system.** For further assistance, please call 1-877-409-8111 between 8 AM and 5 PM ET, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Esq.  
President  
Bridgewater State University

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: **November 11, 2020** (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the **Experian IdentityWorks website** to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
3. PROVIDE the **Activation Code**: [REDACTED]

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number [REDACTED] as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your membership today at <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>  
or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

**What you can do to protect your information:** There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration) for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

## Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring 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 should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), by 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 can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax  
1-866-349-5191  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
P.O. Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion  
1-800-888-4213  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
P.O. Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19016

**Fraud Alerts:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

**Credit and Security Freezes:** You may have the right to place 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 the 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. 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:

Equifax Security Freeze  
1-888-298-0045  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion Security Freeze  
1-888-909-8872  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
P.O. Box 160  
Woodlyn, PA 19094

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf), or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

**Iowa Residents:** Iowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Iowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

**Maryland Residents:** Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 220 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023.

**North Carolina Residents:** North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, (877) 566-7226.

**New York State Residents:** New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>; (800) 771-7755.

**Rhode Island Residents:** We believe that this incident affected seven-hundred and forty-seven (747) Rhode Island residents. Rhode Island residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400.

**Vermont Residents:** If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).