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Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Notification of Data Security Incident

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We are writing to notify you of a data security incident involving the personal information of twenty-two New Hampshire residents. In mid-November, the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO ("CWA") discovered that a document on a private server containing the personal information of some members, including their addresses, names, and Social Security Numbers, was made available without a login or password for an unknown period of time. Upon discovery, CWA immediately removed the document from the server and began efforts to determine whether the information had been accessed without authorization or was otherwise misused. At this time, CWA does not have information indicating that the availability of this document resulted in harm to affected New Hampshire residents.

CWA takes the security of its members' information very seriously and is taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. CWA has not maintained data in the format in which it appeared on this server for some time. However, as an added precaution, CWA staff will be receiving extra data handling and cyber security training as soon as possible in order to ensure that members' information continues to be handled with the utmost care.

On or about January 20, 2021, letters to impacted New Hampshire residents were sent via U.S. mail providing them with information on how they can protect themselves against fraudulent activity and identity theft. CWA is also offering the affected residents credit monitoring and identity theft prevention and restoration services free of charge for a period of 12 months. A sample copy of the notification letter that is simultaneously being sent to affected residents is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Patricia M. Shea  
General Counsel  
Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO  
501 3rd Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001



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**RE: Important Security Notification. Please read this entire letter.**

Dear NABET Member:

Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO ("CWA") recently discovered an incident that may affect the security of your personal information. We want to provide you with information about the incident, steps we are taking in response, and steps you may take to guard against identity theft and fraud, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

**What Happened?** A document, originally created in 2006 and containing in an unencrypted format certain information pertaining to you, was copied to a private server and was available without a login or password for an unknown period.

**What Information Was Involved?** The document contained your personal information, including your name and Social Security Number.

**What We Are Doing?** We take the protection of your personal information seriously and are taking steps to prevent a similar occurrence. Upon discovery that your data was more accessible than intended, CWA promptly removed the data from the server and began efforts to determine whether the information had been accessed without authorization. CWA has not maintained data in the format in which it appeared on this server for some time. As an added precaution, staff will receive extra data handling and cyber security training in order to ensure that members' information continues to be handled with the utmost care.

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for twelve (12) months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for twelve (12) months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration).

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While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary twelve (12) months membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by April 30, 2021** (Your code will not work after this date).
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>.
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-888-829-6561 by April 30, 2021. Be prepared to provide engagement number **DB24761** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

#### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR TWELVE (12) MONTHS EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP**

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **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 file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related 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.

**What You Can Do.** Please review the enclosed *Information about Identity Theft Protection* for additional information on how to protect against identity theft and fraud. You may also take advantage of the complimentary identity protection services being offered.

**For More Information.** We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. If you have further questions or concerns, or would like an alternative to enrolling online, please call (888) 829-6561 toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am – 10 pm Central, or Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number DB24761.

Sincerely,  
Communications Workers America  
501 3rd St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.



## **Information about Identity Theft Protection**

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

We recommend that you regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

**Equifax®**  
P.O. Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241  
1-800-685-1111  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**  
P.O. Box 9701  
Allen, TX 75013-9701  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

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

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as home address and Social Security number that is not accurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

### **Credit Freeze**

You have the right to put a security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that is issued to you when you initiate a 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 access your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact all three major consumer reporting agencies listed below.

**Equifax**  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788  
1-800-685-1111  
[www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services](http://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)

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

**TransUnion**  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016-2000  
1-888-909-8872  
[www.transunion.com/credit-freeze](http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze)

You must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting agency. The following information should be included when requesting a credit freeze:

- 1) Full name, with middle initial and any suffixes;
- 2) Social Security number;
- 3) Date of birth (month, day, and year);
- 4) Current address and previous addresses for the past five (5) years;
- 5) Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6) Other personal information as required by the applicable credit reporting agency;

If you request a credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving your request to place a credit freeze on your credit file report. If you request a lift of the credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agency must lift the freeze within one (1) hour. If you request a credit freeze or lift of a credit freeze by mail, then the credit agency must place or lift the credit freeze no later than three (3) business days after getting your request.



### **Fraud Alerts**

You also have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert lasts 1-year and 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 7 years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below. The agency you contact will then contact the other two credit agencies.

**Equifax**  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788  
1-888-766-0008  
[www.equifax.com/personal/  
credit-report-services](http://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)

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

**TransUnion**  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016-2000  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com/fraud-  
victim-resource/place-fraud-alert](http://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert)

### **Monitor Your Personal Health Information**

If applicable to your situation, we recommend that you regularly review the explanation of benefits statement that you receive from your insurer. If you see any service that you believe you did not receive, please contact your insurer at the number on the statement. If you do not receive the regular explanation of benefits statements, contact your provider and request them to send such statements following the provision of services in your name or number.

You may want to order copies of your credit reports and check for any medical bills that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, call the credit reporting agency at the phone number on the report. Keep a copy of this notice for your records in case of future problems with your medical records. You may also want to request a copy of your medical records from your provider, to serve as a baseline. If you are a California resident, we suggest that you visit the website of the California Office of Privacy Protection at [www.privacy.ca.gov](http://www.privacy.ca.gov) to find more information about your medical privacy.

### **Additional Information**

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should be reported to law enforcement, your Attorney General, and the FTC.

**The Federal Trade Commission**  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338)  
TTY: 1-866-653-4261  
[www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)