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Office Of The Attorney General
Consumer Protection And Antitrust Bureau
33 Capitol Street
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Dear Attorney General Delaney:

Pursuant to the security breach notification law, we are writing to notify you of a security incident involving fourteen New Hampshire residents.

Equifax's payroll vendor sent Internal Revenue Service W-2 forms to most current and former Equifax employees via US mail. On January 19th, we became aware that for some US-based employees, the Control Number field on the form was partially or fully viewable through the envelope's return address window. In some instances, the nine-digit Control Number field contained the individual's Social Security number (SSN). Control Numbers were intended to be a unique number, not a SSN. We notified all possibly affected current employees by email on January 22, 2010. We also sent a letter to possibly affected former employees on January 25, 2010. We are sending a subsequent notice with additional information to both current and former employees who may have been affected by this situation. A copy of the notifications provided to the affected New Hampshire consumers is enclosed.

Equifax is notifying the affected consumers and providing them, upon request, with one year of free credit monitoring of their credit files maintained by Equifax. The notification letter also provides information regarding protection from identity theft, and a toll free number to call for questions and additional assistance.

Equifax is working with its payroll vendor to prevent this situation from happening again in the future. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard G. Goerss

Enclosures.



To All Employees - U.S.

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Subject Important Notice Regarding Your W-2

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Early last week, our payroll vendor mailed Internal Revenue Service W-2 forms to our current and former employees via US Mail. On January 19 we became aware that for some US-based employees the Control Number field on the form was partially or fully viewable through the envelope's return address window. In some instances, the nine-digit Control Number field contained the individual's Social Security number (SSN). Control Numbers were intended to be a unique number, not a SSN. This incident did not impact employees at TALX, Rapid Reporting and IXI business units.

I am sending this communication to make you aware of this unfortunate occurrence. You can determine if the Control Number field was viewable by visually inspecting your W-2 form within the envelope and how it aligns with the return address window.

If your SSN was in the Control Number field and was viewable, and you are concerned about the risk of identity theft, you may want to monitor your Equifax credit file by accessing your Credit Watch Gold™ service. Credit Watch Gold is provided free to all Equifax employees, and if you have not enrolled for it, you can sign up by sending an email to CreditWatch Employee Benefits.

We apologize for the incident and we are exploring various avenues so this does not happen again. We will be following up shortly with additional information, but we wanted to advise you at this time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Coretha".

Coretha Rushing
Chief HR Officer