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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey ("Rutgers"), a public entity, located in the State of New Jersey. This notice relates to a security incident that may have involved information belonging to a New Hampshire resident.

Rutgers identified a security incident involving the Rutgers' email system, and after identifying the incident, took steps to secure the system and launch an investigation. The investigation determined that an unauthorized party obtained access to six staff and administrative email accounts on the Rutgers system between October 6, 2020 and October 7, 2020. Rutgers is conducting an extensive review and analysis of the data within the six email accounts involved. On January 15, 2021, the analysis determined that the accounts contained the names and Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, and financial account information for certain Rutgers employees and students.

Based on the analysis of the six accounts involved in the incident, the Social Security number of one (1) New Hampshire resident was contained in the accounts. The accounts may have also contained the resident's driver's license number and/or financial account information.

On April 19, 2021, Rutgers mailed a notification letter to the subject New Hampshire resident via United States Postal Service First-Class mail.¹ A copy of the form of the notification letter is enclosed. Rutgers is offering the subject New Hampshire resident a complimentary one-

¹ Rutgers does not waive its objection that New Hampshire lacks personal jurisdiction over Rutgers regarding any claims related to this data security incident.

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year membership to credit monitoring and identity theft prevention services through Experian. Rutgers has also established a dedicated, toll-free telephone number where individuals may obtain more information regarding the incident.

To advance Rutgers' commitment to protect the security of the information it maintains and to help prevent something like this from happening again, Rutgers has implemented additional safeguards and technical security measures to further safeguard and monitor its email system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this incident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Goldstein".

Sara Goldstein
Partner

Enclosure



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University Ethics and Compliance

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Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>:

We are writing to inform you that Rutgers University has identified and addressed a data security incident that involved some of your information. This letter explains the incident, measures that have been taken in response, and additional steps you can take.

We determined that an unauthorized party gained access to certain Rutgers staff and administrative email accounts that contained emails or attachments with some of your information. The unauthorized access resulted from a security incident involving Rutgers' email system. After we identified the incident, we took steps to secure the system and launched an investigation. The investigation determined that the unauthorized party obtained access to six staff and administrative email accounts on our system between October 6, 2020 and October 7, 2020. We conducted an extensive review of the data within the six email accounts involved, which revealed that your name and Social Security number were contained in emails or attachments within the accounts. In addition, the accounts may have also contained your driver's license number and/or financial account information.

Though we presently have no indication that your information has been misused, out of an abundance of caution, we are offering you a complimentary one-year membership to Experian's® IdentityWorksSM. This product helps detect possible misuse of your information and provides you with identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks is completely free and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. We also remind you to remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing your financial statement for any unauthorized activity. You should immediately report any unauthorized activity to your financial institution. **For more information on IdentityWorks, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response to the incident, please see the pages that follow this letter.**

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this may cause you. To advance Rutgers' commitment to protect the security of the information we maintain and to help prevent something like this from happening again, we have implemented additional safeguards and technical security measures to further safeguard and monitor our email system.

If you have any questions about this incident or if you would like assistance in reviewing possible follow-up actions you may take, please call [1-XXX-XXX-XXXX](tel:1-XXX-XXX-XXXX), Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

Miranda Alfonso-Williams
Director of Privacy
Rutgers University

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary one-year** membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM 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: <<b2b_text_1(EnrollmentDeadline)>> (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**: <<Member ID>>

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 <<b2b_text_2(Engagement#)>> 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:

- A. **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- B. **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- C. **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- D. **\$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 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.

** 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. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. To order your annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

- *Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft

Fraud Alerts: There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

Credit or Security Freezes: You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit. *How do I place a freeze on my credit reports?* There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- **Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
- **TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com
- **Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

The mailing address for Rutgers University is 65 Bergen Street, Suite 1360, Newark, NJ 07107, and the phone number is 973-972-8000.

Additional information for residents of the following states:

Maryland: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, www.oag.state.md.us

New York: You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies: *New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection*, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and *New York State Office of the Attorney General*, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>

North Carolina: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, www.ncdoj.gov

West Virginia: You have the right to ask that nationwide consumer reporting agencies place "fraud alerts" in your file to let potential creditors and others know that you may be a victim of identity theft, as described above. You also have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report, as described above.