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Attorney General Joseph Foster  
Office of the Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Attorney General Foster:

I write to notify you that we have become aware of unauthorized use of personal information of several New Hampshire residents, some of our current and former employees. It is possible that the personal information of our employees' spouses and dependents may also have been misused. Our initial investigation indicates that the unauthorized access occurred as a result of malicious phishing email.

On Monday, March 20, 2017, we were notified by a staff member that she had experienced a problem with filing her tax return with the Internal Revenue Service because an unauthorized person had already filed a return linked to her personal information. On Monday, March 27, 2017, we were notified by several other employees that the same situation had occurred to them. We immediately notified our vendors to ascertain if there had been a breach of their security involving confidential information. The vendors initially responded that their systems had not been compromised. We also notified the campus community that we may have been subject to an identity theft intrusion and suggested that affected individuals access the IRS identity theft website for assistance.

We have subsequently determined that an unknown source obtained access to some employees' W2 information, including names, addresses, social security numbers, and other information. Based on our investigation, the theft of personal information occurred on February 6, 2017.

At this time, we are working with law enforcement and the IRS to address the situation and we believe we the incident was a one-time intrusion. We have not delayed notifying any employees of this issue pending the outcome of a law enforcement investigation.

On March 29, 2017, we sent an email to all current employees notifying them of a possible breach. On March 31, 2017, we mailed notices to 251 residents of New Hampshire whose information was taken in this attack.

If you have any questions concerning this notification, please contact me directly at (603) 286-8901 x106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd C. Emmons".

Todd C. Emmons  
Chief Financial Officer