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Dear [redacted]

We are writing to inform you of a cyber security incident experienced by Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Foundation ("WSOSF") that may have involved your information described below. While we have no evidence of attempted or actual misuse of any information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened: On January 9, 2025, we discovered suspicious activity potentially related to an employee email account. Upon discovery, we took action to secure our email system and network. We then began working with third-party computer specialists to investigate the full nature and scope of the incident. Based on the investigation, it was determined that a limited number of WSOSF email accounts were subject to unauthorized access. As a result, together with third-party specialists, we began a comprehensive review of the contents of those accounts to determine the type of information contained therein and to whom that information related. This comprehensive and time-consuming review process was completed on July 9, 2025. We are now notifying those individuals whose information was potentially impacted by the incident.

What Information Was Involved: The information believed to potentially be at risk includes your first and last name, in combination with your [redacted]

What We Are Doing: Upon discovery, we immediately began an internal investigation and subsequently engaged third-party forensic specialists to investigate this matter. Out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to activate, at no cost to you, Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services for twelve (12) months provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you directly. Additional information regarding how to activate the complimentary identity monitoring service is enclosed. We have also provided additional information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

What You Can Do: We recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements and credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact your financial institution or company. Additionally, you can enroll to receive the complimentary identity monitoring services we are making available to you. You can also review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" for additional resources.

For More Information: Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated call center agents at 1-833-799-0865 during 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time, excluding holidays. You may also write to us at 1414 31st Ave S., Ste 302, Seattle, WA 98144.

We take the privacy and security of the information in our care seriously, and sincerely regret any worry or inconvenience this incident may cause you and your family.

Sincerely,

Kimber Connors

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WSOSF Executive Director

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to **https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate** and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [redacted]

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll by <<date>>**.** The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, 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 lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com **TransUnion Fraud Alert** P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 **TransUnion Credit Freeze** P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	**Experian** 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com **Experian Fraud Alert** P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 **Experian Credit Freeze** P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	**Equifax** 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com **Equifax Fraud Alert** P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 **Equifax Credit Freeze** P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.