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VIA E-MAIL

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RE: Notification of Security Breach

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of EMILY's List to inform you of a recent security incident involving donor information. EMILY's List uses software provided by a company called Blackbaud for data management services. As you may be aware, Blackbaud identified—and contained—a ransomware cyberattack affecting certain information stored on its servers. The attackers obtained certain files, including data from EMILY's List, and demanded payment to delete the data. Blackbaud made this payment, and reports it is confident that the information was deleted and not further transferred. Information about this incident has been posted at blackbaud.com/securityincident.

Blackbaud notified EMILY's List on July 16 that its files were among those obtained by the attacker. Since that time, it has worked with Blackbaud to understand the scope of the incident and its effect on EMILY's List, and the security measures Blackbaud has put or will put in place to reduce such incidents in the future.

EMILY's List determined on July 21 that the affected files included personal information of Washington residents. Specifically, the affected files contained some donor birthdates, as well as one passport and six credit card numbers belonging to Washington residents. EMILY's List collects passports in limited circumstances where required by law, and, while it does not store current credit card information as a rule, a small batch of credit card information was found in older, scanned documents and other communications stored within the database files. Although Blackbaud is confident that the attacker has deleted the information and thus this incident does not pose a risk to EMILY's List donors, EMILY's List is nonetheless notifying a total of approximately 9,325 residents of your state.

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Notifications are currently being printed and it is anticipated that they will be mailed beginning August 19.

Please contact me at the above address with any questions or concerns regarding this incident.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Tips to Protect Your Information

Review Credit Reports. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report maintained by each of the three credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling toll-free 877-322-8228. Review the reports carefully, and if you find anything you do not understand or that is incorrect, contact the appropriate credit reporting agency. Credit reporting agencies must investigate your report, and remove inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.

Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. You may also consider contacting the credit reporting agencies directly if you wish to put in place a fraud alert or a security freeze. A fraud alert will notify any merchant checking your credit history that you may be the victim of identity theft and that the merchant should take additional measures to verify the application. Contacting any one of the three agencies will place an alert on your file at all three. A security freeze restricts all creditor access to your account, but might also delay any requests you might make for new accounts. Enquire with the credit reporting agencies for their specific procedures regarding security freezes.

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
- Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com; P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013
- TransUnion: 1-800-916-8800; www.transunion.com; Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022-2000

Contact the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission also provides information about how to avoid identity theft and what to do if you suspect your identity has been stolen. The Federal Trade Commission, Identity Theft Clearinghouse, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

IF YOU ARE A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENT: The D.C. Attorney General's office can be reached at Office of Consumer Protection, 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 442-9828, <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>.

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