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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
1125 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100
Email: securitybreach@atg.wa.gov

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent The Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) of 190 Queen Anne Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109, and write to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of personal information relating to 720 Washington state residents. The investigation into this event is ongoing and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, SHA does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Washington State law, the applicability of the Washington State data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

On January 7, 2019, SHA discovered that an employee laptop had been stolen from their office. The Seattle Police were notified of the incident.

The laptop's sole purpose was to scan checks provided by residents at certain facilities managed by SHA. As such, resident name, banking account and routing number were potentially available on the laptop.

SHA took steps to identify current and former residents whose information may have been on the laptop and has identified 720 such individuals. SHA continues to investigate this incident, but will be providing notice to these individuals starting on February 28, 2019.

Upon discovering this incident, SHA immediately launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the event, as well as determine what data may be affected. SHA is mailing written notice to the individuals. This notice will include guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state

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Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud. SHA is also updating security measures already in place to protect data in their care.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at 267-930-4775.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CDiI", is positioned above the typed name.

Chris DiIenno of
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