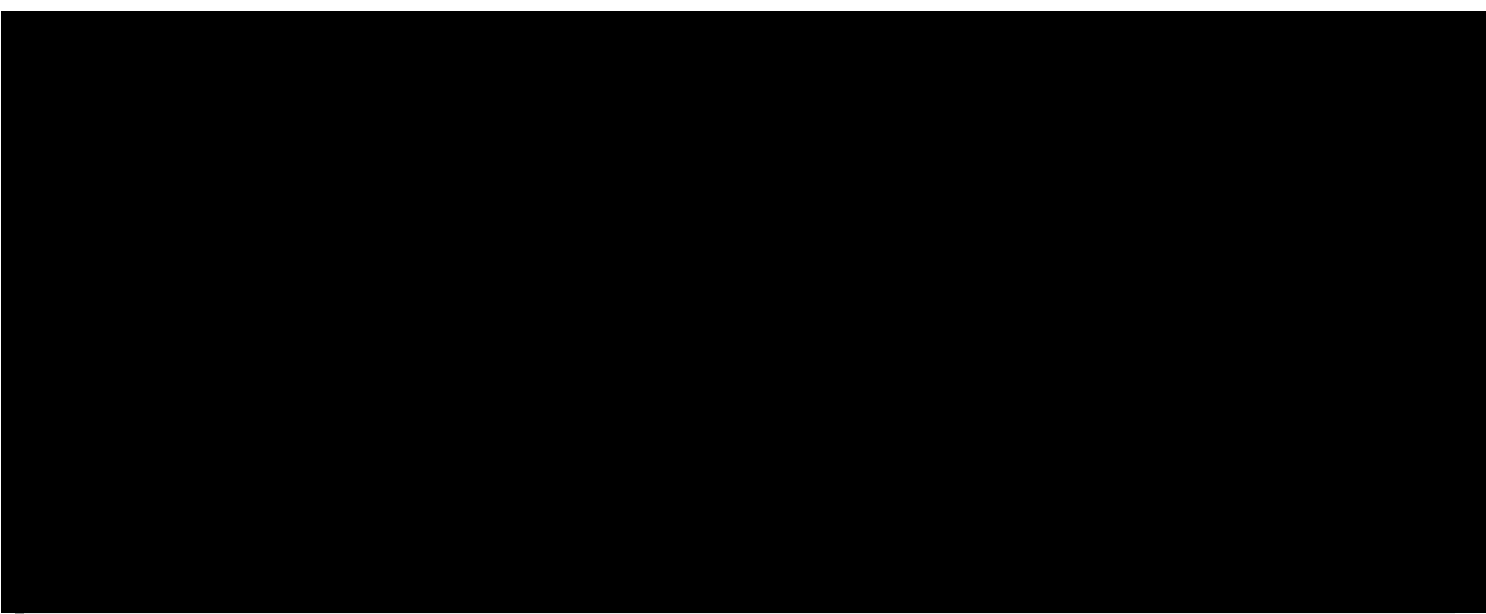




Hello

I am contacting your office on behalf of Nelnet Servicing LLC (Nelnet) , a servicer of student loans, pursuant to the requirements under Maryland’s PIPA (Md. Code Ann. Comm. Law 14-3504). Nelnet became aware of activity on a very limited number of accounts and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the issue. Nelnet’s investigation revealed that customers may have provided personal information to an unrelated third-party company which in turn attempted to gain access to the customers’ online accounts. Further details are outlined in the attached sample copy of the notice being sent to the impacted customers. There is one impacted consumer that is a Maryland resident. The information compromised includes information that is available through the online access platform such as name, address, email address, phone number, loan details, payment history, tax forms, payment schedules, and Social Security number. However, some of this information may have already been provided by the customer to the unrelated third party company. This incident did not impact the security of financial account numbers or payment information, as such information, if on file, is truncated when viewed online.

Should you require further information, my contact information is below. Thank you.



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October 19, 2022

Dear Accountholder:

Nelnet Servicing, LLC (Nelnet), your student loan servicer, is writing to make you aware of activities regarding your account that may affect the security of some of your information. The activity relates to a student loan debt relief or document preparation company to which customers provided personal information. While we are not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, we are providing you with an overview of the event, our ongoing response, and resources available to you right now to protect yourself from any potential misuse of your information.

What happened? On September 27, 2022, Nelnet became aware of a person who called our contact center claiming to be a customer and who had sufficient personal information including the Social Security number to pass as the customer. This person changed the email address on file in to gain access to the accounts online. Upon learning of this person's attempts, Nelnet launched an immediate investigation to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Our investigation determined that a very limited number of accounts may have been accessible online by this person beginning in or around April 2022. **Based on our investigation, we believe affected customers may have retained a student loan debt relief or document preparation company named Next Gen Client Services. This company charges borrowers a fee to assist them in applying for repayment, consolidation, or loan forgiveness options. Affected customers may have also provided this company personal information, which was then used for potentially suspicious purposes such as gaining access to customers' online accounts.** We have notified the U.S. Department of Education who may in turn notify law enforcement.

What information was involved? Nelnet's investigation determined that the impacted information may have included your information that is available through the online access platform such as your name, address, email address, phone number, loan details, payment history, tax forms, payment schedules, and Social Security number. This incident did not impact the security of your financial account numbers or payment information, as such information, if on file, is truncated when viewed online.

What are we doing? The confidentiality, privacy, and security of our customers' information is one of our highest priorities. We are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that we can provide you with services and resources to best protect yourself from any potential consequences should you feel it is appropriate to do so. As a precaution, we are offering you immediate access to credit monitoring and identity theft protection services for 24 months at no cost to you, through Experian. You can find information about how to enroll in these services in the enclosed "*Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information.*" We encourage you to enroll in these services, as we are not able to do so on your behalf.

What can you do? Please be aware of debt relief or document preparation companies that claim to be associated with your loan servicer or the U.S. Department of Education and/or that are charging a fee to assist student loan borrowers in applying for repayment, consolidation, or loan forgiveness options, that claim you can cancel your student loan or immediately lower your payments, that ask you to provide your financial account information, or that ask you to sign a power of attorney over your account. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by regularly reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Please also review the information contained in the enclosed "*Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information.*" We encourage you to enroll in these services, as we are not able to do so on your behalf.

For more information. We understand you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have any questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 877-402-5795, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CST (excluding major US holidays). Be prepared to provide engagement number _____ as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian. The privacy of your information is critical to us, and we remain committed to ensuring all customer information is safe and secure. We take the matter of security very seriously and deeply regret any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Nelnet Servicing,

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STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24 month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by January 31, 2023** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your **activation code**:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (833) 559-0223 by **January 31, 2023**. Be prepared to provide engagement number _____ as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24 MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance^{**}:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

* 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.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under Federal law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1(877) 322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, 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, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers 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 the consumer’s 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 to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report 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 to the credit bureaus:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver’s license or ID card, etc.); 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 credit freeze, please contact all three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-help
(888) 298-0045	(888) 397-3742	(833) 395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1(877) ID-THEFT (1(877) 438- 4338); and TTY: 1(866) 653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. 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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1(410) 528-8662 or 1(888) 743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. Nelnet Servicing, LLC is located at 121 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 and may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 82561, Lincoln, NE 68501-2561.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1(800) 771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1(877) 566-7226 or 1(919) 716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.