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March 11, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: *Security Incident Notification*

Dear Sir or Madame,

I write on behalf of Stanford University's (Stanford) Department of Public Safety (DPS), the on-campus law enforcement resource for Stanford, with respect to a data security event involving certain personal information of Maryland residents. By providing this notice, Stanford does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

On September 27, 2023, Stanford's DPS discovered that it was the victim of a ransomware attack. Upon discovering the attack, Stanford notified federal and local law enforcement, engaged legal counsel, and began investigating the incident with the assistance of CrowdStrike, a respected forensic investigator. Stanford did not engage with the threat actor or pay any ransom. Stanford's investigation determined that an unauthorized individual(s) gained access to the DPS network between May 12, 2023, and September 28, 2023. Given that at least some of the impacted data was law-enforcement-related, it took Stanford several weeks to discuss with California law enforcement officials the safeguards that would be required before Stanford could have non-law enforcement personnel review the impacted data set. Once those discussions concluded, Stanford conducted a manual review of the impacted data set, a substantial portion of which was non-structured data. Once that review was complete, Stanford then worked to obtain address information for potentially impacted persons from its different systems. Ultimately, this process concluded in February 2024.

Based on Stanford's investigation, it believes that approximately 59 Maryland residents may have been affected by this incident. The affected information varied by individual, but for Maryland residents may have included their date of birth, Social Security number, and driver's license number, and other information the Department of Public Safety may have collected in its operations. For a small number of individuals, this information may also have included health/medical information.

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While the investigation was ongoing, on October 27, 2023, Stanford posted an update regarding this incident to its website. Individual notification letters will be sent to potentially impacted Maryland residents on March 11, 2024, via regular U.S. mail. Copies of the template notification letters are enclosed. In addition, Stanford is offering 24 months of CyberScan and dark web monitoring to all impacted persons. Individuals whose Social Security Number, credit card number, username and password, government ID number, or passport number may have been affected are also being offered, free of charge, 24 months of credit monitoring services from TransUnion.

Stanford began restoring the DPS systems from secure backups in October 2023. To date, Stanford has not detected any additional indicators of compromise as the DPS data and network were restored. Stanford is also taking steps to enhance the network security safeguards at DPS.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (312) 803-8305 or by email at dsaunders@mwe.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Saunders', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Saunders

Enclosure

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WHAT WE ARE DOING

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In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, a ZeroFox company. IDX identity protection services include: 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

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We encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. IDX can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information. As always, please remain vigilant and continue reviewing your accounts for unusual activity. You can also review the enclosed steps to help protect your personal information.

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You may contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and State Attorneys General Offices. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should contact the FTC and/or your state's attorney general office about for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. You can contact the FTC at: **Federal Trade Commission**, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20508, www.ftc.gov, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

For Iowa residents, State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 1305 E. Walnut St., Des Moines, IA 50319, 1-888-777-4590.

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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 the 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.

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For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are approximately 9 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

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