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February 6, 2025

VIA EMAIL

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

Re: Notice of a Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Brown:

We represent Gates Capital Management located in Denver, Colorado, in connection with a data security incident described in greater detail below. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the incident.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

On December 13, 2024, Gates Capital Management discovered that it had experienced a network disruption. In response, Gates Capital Management took immediate steps to secure its digital environment and promptly launched an investigation. Gates Capital Management also engaged independent cybersecurity experts to assist with the process. As a result of the investigation, on or about December 18, 2024, Gates Capital Management determined that certain files were accessed or acquired without authorization during the Incident. Thereafter, Gates Capital Management undertook a comprehensive review of those files and determined on December 23, 2024, that certain individuals' personal information may have been impacted by the Incident. Please note that Gates Capital Management has no evidence of the misuse, or attempted misuse, of any potentially impacted information.

The data elements impacted by this incident vary by individual but include individuals' names and financial account numbers, and/or Social Security numbers.

2. Number of Maryland Residents Affected

Gates Capital Management notified three (3) Maryland residents of this incident via first class U.S. mail on February 6, 2025. A sample copy of the notification letter sent to impacted individuals is included with this correspondence.

3. Steps Taken Relating to the Incident

Gates Capital Management has taken steps to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. Gates Capital Management is also offering complimentary identity protection services to all individuals notified of the incident.

4. Contact Information

Gates Capital Management remains dedicated to protecting the personal information in its possession. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone 610.416.9236 or email at jhess@constangy.com.

Respectfully,

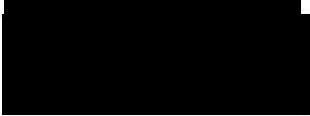
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Julie M. Hess
Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP

Enc.: Sample Consumer Notification Letter



Gates Capital Management
c/o Cyberscout
555 Monster Rd SW
Renton, WA 98057
USBFS237



February 6, 2025

Subject: Supplemental Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear [REDACTED]:

We are writing to inform you about a recent data security incident potentially affecting your personal information. Gates Capital Management takes the privacy and security of all information within its possession very seriously. Please read this letter carefully as it contains information regarding the incident and steps that you can take to help protect your personal information.

What Happened. On December 13, 2024, Gates Capital Management discovered that it had experienced a network disruption and immediately initiated an investigation of the matter. Gates Capital Management engaged independent cybersecurity experts to assist with the process. As a result of the investigation, Gates Capital Management determined that certain files were accessed or acquired without authorization on or about December 18, 2024. Gates Capital Management undertook a comprehensive review of those files and, on or about December 23, 2024, learned that some of your personal information was contained within the potentially affected data. Please note that Gates Capital Management has no evidence of the misuse, or attempted misuse, of any potentially impacted information.

What Information Was Involved. The information may have included your name and Social Security Number.

What We Are Doing. As soon as Gates Capital Management discovered this incident, Gates Capital Management took the steps described above and implemented measures to enhance security and minimize the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. We are also providing you with information about steps that you can take to help protect your personal information. As a further precaution, we are offering you with access to identity protection services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twenty-four months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services

What You Can Do. You can follow the recommendations included with this letter to help protect your information. In addition, you can also enroll in TransUnion's complimentary identity protection

services by logging on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: **EF2709CE4532**. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. 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.

For More Information. Further information about how to protect your personal information appears on the following page. To assist you with questions regarding this incident representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mountain time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at 1-800-405-6108 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code listed above

The security of the information in our possession is a top priority for Gates Capital Management. We take your trust in us and this matter very seriously, and we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Puetz", with a stylized, cursive script.

Peggy Puetz, Vice President of Operations & Human Resources
Gates Capital Management
3573 E. Cherry Creek North Drive
Denver, CO 80209

Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC").

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax

P.O. Box 105851
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian

P.O. Box 9532
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion

P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
consumer.ftc.gov
877-438-4338

Maryland Attorney General

200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
[www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/
Pages/CPD](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD)
888-743-0023

Oregon Attorney General

1162 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301
[www.doj.state.or.us/
consumer-protection](http://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection)
877-877-9392

California Attorney General

1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
www.oag.ca.gov/privacy
800-952-5225

New York Attorney General

The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224
800-771-7755
ag.ny.gov

**NY Bureau of Internet and
Technology**

28 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10005
[www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/
212.416.8433](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/)

NC Attorney General

9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/
877-566-7226

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf.