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**RE: Confidential: Security incident notification**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) to inform you of a security incident experienced by Blackbaud, a vendor whose fundraising and donor engagement software is used by nonprofit organizations nationwide. Blackbaud identified a ransomware cyberattack affecting certain information stored on its servers. They responded to and contained the situation with the aid of law enforcement and cybersecurity and forensics experts. The attack began on February 7, 2020, and was stopped by May 20, 2020. Blackbaud informed us that some PPFA data may have been impacted by this incident.

Unfortunately, the criminal was able to remove a portion of the data stored on the company's servers, which included some information about donors, such as street addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdate. ***Data such as social security numbers, credit card data, or bank account information was not affected.*** Blackbaud has obtained confirmation that the stolen data was destroyed and has no reason to believe the information was or will be misused or made publicly available.

Blackbaud informed us of the security incident on July 16, 2020. PPFA provided notice to state residents who may have been affected by the incident on August 14, 2020. 1,283 North Dakota residents were affected by this incident.

PPFA's service agreements with Blackbaud require them to employ stringent security measures to protect the data of our supporters. We are conducting a close investigation to fully understand what measures Blackbaud is taking to remedy this situation and prevent further incidents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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