



August 25, 2020

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RE: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Stenehjem:

This letter serves as official notice that The Actuarial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Illinois not-for-profit corporation ("TAF"), received notice on July 16, 2020 from its third-party service provider, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"), that Blackbaud suffered a data security incident. TAF relies on Blackbaud to store and manage certain information with respect to TAF's donors. Blackbaud notified TAF that the incident potentially disclosed the personal information of TAF donors, including three (3) North Dakota residents.

According to Blackbaud, on or about May 14, 2020, cybercriminals initiated a ransomware attack on Blackbaud's systems. Blackbaud discovered the attack sometime between May 14, 2020 and May 31, 2020 and immediately enlisted the assistance of independent forensic experts and law enforcement officials. While Blackbaud thereafter succeeded in expelling the cybercriminals from its systems, the cybercriminals were able to access and acquire a copy of certain data. Fortunately, the cybercriminals failed to obtain any TAF records that included social security numbers, credit card numbers, or other financial account information of its donors. However, the data accessed by the cybercriminals did include TAF donor names and birthdates. Blackbaud informed TAF that it paid the cybercriminals ransom to ensure destruction of the stolen data. In addition, Blackbaud retained a third-party to monitor the "dark web" to affirm there is no further use or dissemination of any information obtained. Given the limited nature of data stolen and Blackbaud's efforts to rebuff and mitigate the effects of the attack, TAF does not believe there is any risk of harm to TAF donors residing in North Dakota.

On August 13, 2020, TAF sent notice of this incident to all donors via email and followed up with an additional notice sent to the three (3) North Dakota residents by U.S. mail (a copy of which is enclosed).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason Leppin
Executive Director



August 24, 2020

RE: The Actuarial Foundation's Ongoing Efforts to Address a Data Breach

Dear Mr. Doe:

We are sending you this letter to follow up on the notice The Actuarial Foundation sent via email on August 13, 2020. The August 13th email provided information regarding a data security incident involving a third-party vendor, Blackbaud, Inc. The Foundation uses Blackbaud to store and manage donor information.

The data security incident occurred on May 14, 2020 and was discovered by Blackbaud sometime between May 14, 2020 and May 31, 2020. Hundreds of nonprofit organizations were impacted, including the Foundation. Fortunately, although the affected Foundation database contained donor names, addresses, contact information and dates of birth, it did **not** include social security numbers, credit card numbers, passwords, or bank information.

The Foundation continues to press Blackbaud for more information about the attack, how we have been affected, and why we were not notified of the incident until July 16, 2020. To date, we have been told that Blackbaud collaborated with law enforcement and forensic experts and believes that any stolen data has been destroyed. Blackbaud posted more information about the incident at <https://www.blackbaud.com/securityincident>. Blackbaud also assured us that they hired a third party to monitor the dark web and will notify us immediately if any of our information appears there.

While the Foundation has used this vendor for over 10 years, we are reevaluating our working relationship with them going forward.

We regret that this occurred and are continuing to investigate the incident to determine if there are any other details about how the breach may have affected our donors. Although we have no reason to believe your personal information is subject to further misuse, we have enclosed credit monitoring information for your convenience. We will continue to notify you of any meaningful findings.

We are at your service to answer any additional questions or to receive your comments.

Sincerely,

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