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«AddressBlock»

Dear «First Name»,

We value and respect the privacy of your information, which is why we are writing to advise you of a recent data security incident that may have involved some of your personal information. We recently learned that some of your information could have been viewed by an unauthorized third party that illegally accessed some Katahdin Federal Credit Union employees' emails. We have no reason to believe that your information has been misused to commit fraud or identity theft; however, we are providing guidance on how you can protect yourself.

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Upon learning of the incident, we promptly secured all emails to prevent further access. We also retained a leading forensic security firm to investigate and conduct a comprehensive search for any personal information in the impacted emails, and to confirm the security of our email and computer systems. On Friday May 17, 2019, our investigation determined that the impacted emails contained your name and account number. Note that the impacted information did not include your Social Security number, driver's license number, address, phone number or any of your other financial information.

At this point, we do not know for certain if any personal information was ever viewed or acquired by the unauthorized party, and are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft as a result of this incident. As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you protect yourself against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on your account, you should promptly notify the credit union. Although we currently have systems in place to monitor your account for any suspicious or unusual activity, as an added precaution, we will provide new account numbers if requested.

We take our responsibility to safeguard personal information seriously and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. We are committed to taking steps to help prevent something like this from happening again. For further information and assistance, please call 800-451-9145 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tina Jamo President/CEO Katahdin Federal Credit Union

www.katahdinfcu.org

## **Additional Important Information**

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring 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 should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps to you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

<u>Credit Reports:</u> You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting http://www.annualcreditreport.com, by 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 can print a copy of the request form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries, including obtaining information about fraud alerts and placing a security freeze on your credit files, is as follows:

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion

 1-800-349-9960
 1-888-397-3742
 1-888-909-8872

 www.equifax.com
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 P.O. Box 105788
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 Atlanta, GA 30348
 Allen, TX 75013
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<u>Credit and Security Freezes</u>: You may have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies using the contact information above.

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
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7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft;

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To remove the security freeze or lift the freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove or lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

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