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## **Re: Notice of Data Security Incident**

Dear

Human Resource Concepts, LLC d/b/a HRC Total Solutions ("HRC") is writing to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have resulted in an unauthorized access to your sensitive personal information. We are providing you with details about the incident, steps we are taking in response, and resources available to help you protect against the potential misuse of your information.

## What Happened?

On or about October 31, 2023, HRC became aware that someone impersonated certain Gordon College employees (account holders) by providing HRC with their account security credentials. Upon learning of this incident, HRC informed Gordon College and conducted an internal investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation determined that, because the imposter already had the employees' account security credentials, they were able to access the portal to their HSAs. Out of an abundance of caution, we are notifying potentially impacted individuals including you.

## What Information Was Involved?

Based on the investigation, the following information related to you may have been subject to unauthorized access: name; date of birth; social security number, financial account information, tax identification number, and medical information.

## What We Are Doing

Data privacy and security is among HRC's highest priorities, and we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the privacy and security of the personal information in our care. Since the discovery of the incident, HRC moved quickly to investigate, respond, and confirm the security of our systems. Specifically, HRC had locked the impacted accounts, coordinated with our point of contact at Gordon College to schedule video conferences with impacted account holders before unlocking the accounts, implemented more complex password requirements to secure accounts, reported the incident to the Manchester Police Department, updated policies and procedures regarding account holder screening, and will continue to review, modify, and enhance policies and procedures as deemed necessary to protect the security of accounts.

In light of the incident, we are also providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 24 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. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

## What You Can Do

We encourage you to change your passwords to all financial accounts as a precautionary measure and remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious or unauthorized activity.

Additionally, security experts suggest that you contact your financial institution and all major credit bureaus to inform them of such a breach and then take whatever steps are recommended to protect your interests, including the possible placement of a fraud alert on your credit file. Please review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*, to learn more about how to protect against the possibility of information misuse.

## How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to the following URL and follow the instructions provided: <u>https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/humanresourceconcept.</u> When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll by <u>May 20, 2024</u>. 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.

Upon completion of the enrollment process, you will have access to the following features:

✓ Access to a credit report with credit score. A credit report is a snapshot of a consumer's financial history and primary tool leveraged for determining credit-related identity theft or fraud. ✓ Credit monitoring alerts with email notifications to key changes on a consumer's credit file. In today's virtual world, credit alerts are a powerful tool to protect against identity theft, enable quick action against potentially fraudulent activity, and provide overall confidence to potentially impacted consumers.

- ✓ Identity theft insurance of up to \$1,000,000 in coverage to protect against potential damages related to identity theft and fraud.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Assistance with reading and interpreting credit reports for any possible fraud indicators.

✓ Assistance with answering any questions individuals may have about fraud. 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.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the services offered.

## For More Information

If you have any questions or concerns not addressed in this letter, please call 603-647-1147 Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (excluding U.S. national holidays).

HRC sincerely regrets any concern or inconvenience this matter may cause, and remains dedicated to ensuring the privacy and security of all information in our control.

Sincerely,

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## Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone or online. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years.

	TransUnion	P.O. Box 105069
Experian	P.O. Box 2000	Atlanta, GA 30348
P.O. Box 9554	Chester, PA 19016	1-800-525-6285
Allen, TX 75013	1-800-680-7289	https://www.equifax.com/personal/cred
1-888-397-3742	www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts	it report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	Equifax	

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and by monitoring your credit report for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

C	TransUnion	P.O. Box 105788
Experian	P.O. Box 160	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
P.O. Box 9554	Woodlyn, PA 19094	1-888-298-0045
Allen, TX 75013	1-888-909-8872	https://www.equifax.com/personal/credi
1-888-397-3742	www.transunion.com/credit-freeze	t report-services/credit-freeze/
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	Equifax	

**File Police Report**: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**FTC and Attorneys General**: You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement.

**For residents of** *Iowa***:** State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**For residents of** *Massachusetts*: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

For residents of New Mexico: State law advises you to review personal account statements and credit reports, as applicable, to detect errors resulting from the security breach. You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable 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 violators. 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 rights pursuant Credit Reporting your to the Fair Act at 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.

**For residents of** *Oregon***:** State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

**For residents of** *Rhode Island*: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to file or obtain a police report in regard to this incident.

For residents of *Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island:* You can obtain information from the Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

**Federal Trade Commission -** Consumer Response Center: 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); www.identitytheft.gov

Arizona Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection & Advocacy Section, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 1-602-542-5025

**Colorado Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection 1300 Broadway, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203 1-720-508-6000 www.coag.gov

**District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General** – Office of Consumer Protection: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; www.oag.dc.gov

**Illinois office of the Attorney General -** 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-866-999-5630; www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

**Maryland Office of the Attorney General -** Consumer Protection Division: 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup>floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; www.oag.state.md.us

**New York Office of Attorney General -** Consumer Frauds & Protection: The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; 1-800-771-7755; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General - Consumer Protection Division: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; www.ncdoj.com

**Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General -** Consumer Protection: 150 South Main St., Providence RI 02903; <u>1-401-274-4400; www.riag.ri.gov</u>