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Via Email (reports@ilga.gov)

Re: Unauthorized Access of Employee Data

Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In accordance with the provisions of the Personal Information Protection Act, 815 ILCS 530/25, and out of an abundance of caution, I am writing to report a potential breach of security we experienced at the Illinois Department of Corrections. On Thursday, November 7, I was notified that, earlier the same day, personal information of 18 current and former employees of the Illinois Department of Corrections had been discovered in an unsecured location at Menard Correctional Center. An envelope containing human resources documents was discovered in a sanitation closet in a cell house. There was no apparent, legitimate reason for the documents to be in that location. The documents contained personal information, including social security numbers and medical information.

The Department has opened an investigation into the matter. At this time, we do not know who had access to the information or if any information was misused.

In short order, appropriate notification of this breach will be furnished to all individuals whose personal information has been compromised. Additionally, we are taking steps to prevent future breaches of this nature.

Should you have questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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