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VIA EMAIL (reports@ilga.gov)

Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Illinois Senate
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Clerk of the Illinois House of Representatives
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Re: Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University – Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University (“SIU”). I am writing to provide notification of an incident at SIU that may potentially affect the security of personal information of Illinois residents. By providing this notice, SIU reserves all rights afforded to it under law.

On or about September 29, 2025, SIU identified unusual activity indicating potential unauthorized access to its network. Upon learning of the incident, SIU commenced a prompt and thorough investigation assisted by external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of situations. SIU’s investigation revealed that an unauthorized actor accessed its systems and, as a result, possibly viewed and/or obtained certain files. SIU’s extensive review of the information impacted in the incident is still ongoing; however, out of abundance of caution, we are providing preliminary notification that this incident may affect the personal information of Illinois residents.

SIU has no evidence of any identity theft or financial fraud related to this incident. Nevertheless, SIU wanted to inform you of the incident. SIU is prepared to provide notice to the affected residents, if necessary, once the extensive review of information impacted is completed. Concurrent with notification to the affected residents, we will provide your office with another correspondence, along with a sample copy of the notice provided to the affected residents.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (248) 402-2066 or hshumaker@mcdonaldhopkins.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Shumaker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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