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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly
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Re: Statutory Report of Data Security Incident

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to the Illinois Personal Information Protections Act (815 ILCS 530), this letter serves as formal notice that the Illinois Lottery identified a data security incident involving personal information under its control.

What Happened

On January 16, 2026, the Illinois Lottery determined that a document containing a retailer's personal information was inadvertently disclosed to an unintended external recipient. The disclosure occurred when an email attachment was sent to the wrong party.

We discovered the incident on the same day and immediately took steps to secure the information and prevent further disclosure.

The incident did not involve malicious cyberattack, system intrusion, ransomware event, or compromise of the Lottery's core gaming or financial systems.

What Information Was Involved

Our review indicates that the information disclosed included the following:

- Name
- Address
- Social Security number
- Credit Report

This combination meets the definition of "personal information" under Illinois law and is considered high-risk because it can be misused for identity theft.

What We Have Done

Upon discovering the incident, the Department promptly:

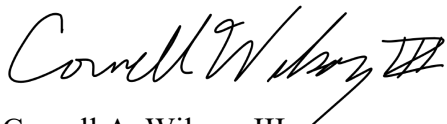
- Contacted the recipient and requested that they delete the information. The recipient has confirmed that they will delete and disregard. A lottery investigator additionally contacted the retail owner to further confirm that the unintended recipient no longer has access to the information.
- Recommended steps for the party affected to monitor their financial accounts and credit reports for any unfamiliar activity.
- Offered complimentary credit monitoring services for 12 months.
- Initiated an internal investigation to determine the scope and cause of the incident.
- We will implement corrective measures to reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.

Ongoing Compliance

The Department of Lottery continues to review its data-handling practices to ensure compliance with applicable state privacy and security requirements. Any additional corrective measures identified through this review will be promptly implemented.

This report is submitted to comply with statutory reporting requirements and to ensure transparency regarding the Department of Lottery's handling of personal information. The Department will cooperate fully with any requests for additional information.

Sincerely,



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