



## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

### STATE OF ILLINOIS

Kwame Raoul

ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 29, 2021

RE: Reporting Pursuant to 815 ILCS 530/1 *et seq.*

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Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly,

Pursuant to the requirements within the Illinois Personal Information Protection Act ("PIPA"), 815 ILCS 530/1 *et seq.*, on April 15, 2021, the Illinois Attorney General's Office provided the Illinois General Assembly with a data breach notification pertaining to an incident affecting the Attorney General's Office computerized network.

As an update to that notification, the Attorney General's Office is providing an annual report pertaining to the corrective measures that have been taken to aid in preventing future breaches from occurring. In order to ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of our network, data, and infrastructure, the following condensed subset of enhancements are those which the office is able to share publicly.

#### **Corrective Measures and Enhancements**

- Retained and maintained ongoing assistance from independent third-parties, including those specializing in:
  - o Digital forensic and incident response,
  - o Threat-actor and threat vector identification, and
  - o Specialized technical implementation services;

- New electronic devices issued to ALL employees, including corresponding office-issued multi-factor authentication devices for OAG network access;
- Fully integrated a 24/7/365 A.I. enhanced threat scanning and analysis – Endpoint Detection and Response tool;
- Fully integrated multi-factor authentication for ALL internal network access;
- Establishment of a policy of least privilege access;
- Updates to internal privacy and security policies;
- Quarterly all-staff IT security training; and
- New administrative appointments – including Chief Privacy Officer and Chief Information Security Officer.<sup>1</sup>

As referenced above, this list represents a subset of extensive overall enhancement efforts which have occurred and are ongoing, all aimed at strengthening and hardening the Attorney General’s Office data security and network infrastructure. The Attorney General’s Office is underway with many additional software, hardware, and personnel implementations and enhancements, a process which will continue through an integration cycle occurring over the many months ahead.

I am happy to answer questions or discuss further as needed.

Best Regards,

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<sup>1</sup> The Attorney General’s Office has filled the Chief Privacy Officer position and is in the process of hiring a full-time Chief Information Security Officer.