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Gentlemen,

Northern Illinois University (“the University”) provides this required annual report pursuant to Illinois’ Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530/1 *et. seq.*), regarding any information and privacy incidents incurred in this calendar year.

The University had only one security incident this year. As reported in our July 16 letter, and our August 16 update, the University was involved in a security incident not related to our own procedures or systems.

The National Student Clearinghouse (“NSC”) informed the University that it was a victim of the same global MOVEit security incident that the State of Illinois was a victim of, and that files they maintain on behalf of NIU had been accessed by an unauthorized party.

The Breach occurred on or about May 28, 2023. Four NIU students had their first and last names, birth dates, university student identification numbers and transcript data (classes taken and grades received) accessed. 17,008 current and former students had only their name accessed. Neither level of unauthorized access required further notification.

Through our contract with NSC the group of four students with more than simply their names accessed will be notified by NSC, and they will be offered access to free credit reporting, identity monitoring services, and a call center to aid them with concerns, as well as information about fraud protection.

No other incidents required in this report occurred this year.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or comments you may have.

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