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VIA U.S. MAIL

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
c/o Consumer Protection Division
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: St. Joseph College of Maine – Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents St. Joseph College of Maine (“SJCM”) located at 278 Whites Bridge Road, Standish, ME 04084, regarding a security incident. I am writing to provide notification of an incident on behalf of SJCM that may affect the security of personal information of approximately nine hundred two (902) Rhode Island residents. By providing this notice, SJCM does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Rhode Island law or personal jurisdiction.

SJCM became aware of potentially unauthorized access to their network. Upon detecting the unauthorized activity, SJCM immediately contained the incident and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. SJCM also reported the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. As part of the investigation, we engaged external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. The investigation revealed that the unauthorized party gained access to SJCM’s network between December 15, 2023, and January 24, 2024. On February 20, 2025, we determined that the unauthorized party had potentially accessed or acquired certain files that contained person information. The information that may have been accessed or acquired may include Social Security number, financial account number, driver’s license or state issued id number, account number, treatment information/diagnosis, prescription information, provider name, health insurance policy/subscriber number, and other health insurance information. The types of personal information involved varied by individual.

SJCM is not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of personal information as a direct result of this incident. SJCM wanted to inform your Office (and the affected residents) of the incident. Affected residents will be notified of the incident starting on March 21, 2025, in substantially the same form as the document attached hereto. Notified individuals will be provided with best practices to protect their information, including but not

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limited to complimentary credit monitoring services if their Social Security number was identified as part of the impacted data. Additionally, SJCM has advised the affected residents to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. The residents were also provided with best practices to protect personal information, such as placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining a free credit report. The affected residents were also provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At SJCM, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. SJCM is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken precautions to safeguard it. SJCM continually evaluates and modifies its practices to enhance the security and privacy of the personal information it maintains.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 402-4066 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.

Heather Shumaker

Encl.



Dear [REDACTED]

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to St. Joseph's College of Maine. We are writing with important information regarding a data security incident. We want to provide information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

St. Joseph's College of Maine detected unauthorized access to its network.

What We Are Doing.

Upon detecting the unauthorized activity, St. Joseph's College of Maine immediately contained the incident and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. St. Joseph's College of Maine also reported the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. As part of our investigation, we engaged external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. The investigation revealed that the unauthorized party gained access to our network between December 15, 2023, and January 24, 2024. On February 20, 2025, we determined that the unauthorized party had potentially accessed or acquired certain files that contained your personal information.

What Information Was Involved?

The impacted information contained some of your personal information, specifically, your full name, [REDACTED]

What You Can Do.

We have no indication that your information has been misused for identity theft. However, we are providing you with access to complimentary [REDACTED]-month membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary [REDACTED] month membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit files, obtaining a free credit report, and/or protecting your medical information. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

For More Information.

We regret any inconvenience that this may cause you. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call the dedicated response line at [REDACTED], available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern time, excluding holidays.

Sincerely,
St. Joseph's College of Maine

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. Enrolling in Complimentary [REDACTED] Month Credit Monitoring.

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for [REDACTED] months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for [REDACTED] months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary [REDACTED] month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by** [REDACTED] (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: [REDACTED]
- Provide your **activation code**: [REDACTED]

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 833-918-1102 by [REDACTED]. Be prepared to provide engagement number [REDACTED] as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR [REDACTED] MONTH EXPERIAN
IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP**

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance^{**}:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year “fraud alert” on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
(800) 525-6285

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion

Fraud Victim Assistance
Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>
(800) 680-7289

3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a “security freeze” be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>
(800) 349-9960
(888) 298-0045

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://experian.com/freeze>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you’ll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

6. Protecting Your Medical Information.

We have no information to date indicating that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. As a general matter, however, the following practices can help to protect you from medical identity theft.

- Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who are covered under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.
- Review your "explanation of benefits statement" which you receive from your health insurance company. Follow up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact the care provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the potential access (noted above) to current date.
- Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary. Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 888-743-0023.

New Mexico residents: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit. In addition, you have the right to obtain a security freeze (as explained above) or submit a declaration of removal. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act. For more information about the FCRA, please visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

Oregon Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

Rhode Island Residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if one was filed, or alternatively, you can file a police report. Further, you can obtain information from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General about steps you can take to help prevent identity theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, www.riag.ri.gov. As noted above, you have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report at no charge, but note that consumer reporting agencies may charge fees for other services. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies can be contacted using the contact information provided above. In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information: your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.); Social Security number; date of birth; complete address; prior addresses; proof(s) of identification (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, birth certificate, etc.); and if you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided with a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following: (1) the unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency; (2) proper identification to verify your identity; and (3) the proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report. There were [REDACTED] Rhode Island residents impacted.

Washington D.C. Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001, oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection, Telephone: 202-442-9828.