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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2017

Mr. Paulino do Rego Barros Jr.
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Equifax Inc.
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Dear Mr. Barros:

On September 14, 2017 the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Science, Space, and Technology initiated an investigation into the recent data breach of private consumer information at Equifax. We look forward to Equifax providing all documents in response to the five categories of requested materials in the September 14 request, as well as the requests that were made at subsequent Committee briefings.

As the Committees' investigation continues and additional facts are established, the Committees anticipate making additional requests. The Committees appreciate the company's willingness to cooperate with our requests for briefings and documents to date.

We have learned key facts through congressional testimony of Equifax officials, including former Equifax Chief Executive Officer Richard Smith when he testified the company's "information technology personnel" failed to patch the vulnerability that was later exploited, and a scan of the company's computer systems also failed to find the unpatched software.¹

To better understand the technical and process failures leading to the loss of over 145.5 million Americans' personally identifiable information (PII), the Committees require additional information. Please provide the following documents and information by December 6, 2017:

1. All organizational charts, or documents sufficient to reflect the names and titles of any and all individuals in an executive leadership role at Equifax Inc., from March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.
2. Documents sufficient to identify the names, titles, and organizational home within the Equifax organization of individuals on the distribution list for "GTVM," "Countermeasures," "VA", "Cyber Threat" email alerts for 2017, specifically those individuals who received the March 9, 2017 internal distribution of the March 8, 2017 email alert from the Department of Homeland Security regarding Apache Struts 2.
3. For the office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), provide the following:

¹ *Oversight of the Equifax Data Breach: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Energy & Commerce, 115th Cong. (2017)* (statement of Richard Smith, former Chief Exec. Officer, Equifax)

- a. All organizational charts, or documents sufficient to reflect the roles and responsibilities of all employees within the office of the CIO from March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017;
 - b. Documents sufficient to identify the names and titles of any and all individuals who were employed at any time between the dates of March 7, 2017 to the present date;
 - c. Any communications between any federal government agency and Equifax concerning the recent data breach;
 - d. All Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reports and recommendations to Equifax concerning the recent data breach; and,
 - e. Documents sufficient to identify any prior data breaches Equifax has experienced on its networks from January 2014 to the date it discovered the recent data breach.
4. For the office of the Chief Security Officer (CSO), provide the following:
- a. All organizational charts, or documents sufficient to reflect the roles and responsibilities all employees within the office of the CSO from March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017;
 - b. Documents sufficient to identify the names and titles of any and all individuals who were employed at any time between the dates of March 7, 2017 to the present date; and,
 - c. Any communications between former CSO Susan Mauldin and any individuals that relate to Apache Struts 2 that were made from March 8, 2017 to September 30, 2017.
5. Documents sufficient to identify the names and titles of individuals who formed the incident response team to address the issues identified on July 29, 2017, including Equifax employees and outside consultants.
6. Pursuant to the Committees' briefing from Equifax on October 19, 2017, please provide the documents sufficient to reflect the following information:
- a. The name and title of the individual who contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 2, 2017;
 - b. The names and titles of all individuals who were party to the conversation with the FBI during which the FBI told Equifax to refrain from discussing attribution;
 - c. The number of individuals affected by exfiltrated PII as of July 31, 2017;
 - d. The number of individuals affected by exfiltrated PII for the weeks beginning July 31, August 7, August 14, August 21, and August 28, 2017; and,

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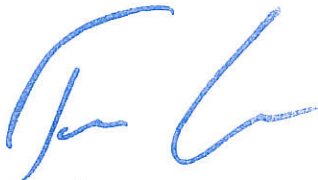
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- e. The name and title of the individual who failed to forward the March 9, 2017 distribution of the March 8, 2017 US-CERT Apache Struts 2 alert email to the Online Dispute portal application owner.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Julie Dunne or Troy Stock of the Majority staff of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at 202-225-5074, or Tim Lynch or Sean Perryman of the Minority staff of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at 202-225-5051, and Drew Colliatie or Tom Connally of the Majority staff of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology at 202-225-6371, or Douglas Pasternak or Stanton Johnson of the Minority staff of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology at 202-225-6375. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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and Technology



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