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**VIA EMAIL (reports@ilga.gov)**

John Hollman  
Clerk of the Illinois House of Representatives  
401 S 2nd Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
401 S 2nd Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

**Re: Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois – Incident Notification**

Dear Mr. Hollman and Mr. Anderson:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois ("TRSIL"). I am writing to provide notification of an incident that may affect the security of personal information of approximately three thousand three hundred and ninety-one (3,391) individuals. TRSIL's investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any.

TRSIL learned recently that two employee email accounts were compromised from what appears to be a phishing incident, which resulted in an unauthorized party temporarily obtaining access to the impacted email accounts between August 14, 2020 and August 17, 2020. Upon learning of this issue, TRSIL immediately commenced a thorough investigation. As part of this investigation, TRSIL has been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. TRSIL devoted considerable time and effort to determine what information was contained in the affected email accounts. Based on its comprehensive investigation and manual document review, TRSIL discovered on April 14, 2021 that the compromised email accounts contained a limited amount of personal information. The information included the affected individuals' full names, Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers and/or state identification numbers, financial account information, medical information and health insurance information.

TRSIL has no indication that any information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, TRSIL wanted to inform you (and the affected individuals) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected individuals against identity fraud. TRSIL is providing the affected individuals with notification of this incident commencing

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on or about April 19, 2021. TRSIL is advising the affected individuals to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. TRSIL is providing the individuals with impacted Social Security numbers with a complimentary 12 or 24 months of credit monitoring and is advising the affected individuals about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected individuals are also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At TRSIL, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. TRSIL is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. TRSIL continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls 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) 220-1354 or [jgiszczak@mcdonaldhopkins.com](mailto:jgiszczak@mcdonaldhopkins.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



James J. Giszczak