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January 27, 2023

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Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530, et seq.)  
Report of a Loss of Protected Personal Information

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

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We have contacted the attorney and asked that he delete and destroy that page from his copy of the investigation file. The attorney confirmed that the document was destroyed. The total number of individuals involved in this breach is one (1).

DCFS sincerely regrets this incident. DCFS is contacting the affected individuals and providing them with information about credit monitoring services and other ways to protect their identity.

Sincerely,



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