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September 12, 2017

Richard F. Smith
Chairman and CEO
Equifax Inc.
P.O. Box 740256
Atlanta, GA 30348

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing about the \$5 "security freeze" fee imposed by Equifax on Minnesotans who are not identity theft victims. Your assistance in addressing my concern will be greatly appreciated.

As you obviously know, identity theft and various other forms of cyber theft have become an epidemic. The Equifax security breach involving the records of 143 million individuals is only the latest in a long line of troubling episodes.

Given the, frankly, pandemic spread of these breaches, I would like to request that Equifax eliminate its statutorily permissive \$5 fee (see M.S. 13C.016, subdivision 8). Given the negligent handling of the data in its possession, this is the least your company can do for those who would find peace of mind in such a freeze.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you shortly confirming the permanent elimination of this fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Davnie".

Jim Davnie
State Representative

Cc: Carlie Christensen, Senior Director, Government Relations

