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House of Representatives

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

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Josh Shapiro
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Dear Attorney General Shapiro:

Last month, it was brought to light that due to a data breach at Insight Global, the Georgia-based company hired by the Wolf administration to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing, that 72,000 Pennsylvanians have had personally identifiable information and private health information put onto the internet.

Even more disturbing have been the reports of many minors who are victims of this data breach with their information now out in the public domain through no fault of their own.

Ultimately, these victims of corporate incompetence have received little in the way of a satisfactory remedy to protect their credit, engage in credit monitoring and protection, or find recourse through Insight Global to know exactly what particular individual information has been released as a result of the data breach.

For Pennsylvanians who have been victimized, particularly minors who may have to deal with this issue for the rest of their lives, merely providing basic credit monitoring services as has been offered by Insight Global is flat-out unsatisfactory.

To date, Pennsylvanians whose personally identifiable information and private health data have been compromised are in great need of protection and assistance from your office. The Office of Attorney General has vast resources and consumer protection expertise that can lend a necessary voice for these Pennsylvanians who have already been failed by their government once.

While I understand your office has been engaged in an investigation relating to this matter, I urge you to take swift legal action to protect these Pennsylvanians—particularly affected minors—who are looking for a better outcome than what has been offered.

Standing up for 72,000 affected Pennsylvanians—including minor children—and seeking appropriate remedies and protection in the face of such significant negligence should be all of our top priority.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very serious issue. Please feel free to contact me for any further discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry A. Benninghoff".

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