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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Maryland Code Section 14-3504, I am writing to inform you that the Center for American Progress (“CAP”) recently suffered a computer security breach that may have resulted in the personal information of Maryland residents being accessed by an unauthorized person.

We believe that the names and social security numbers of some Maryland residents may have been accessed during the security breach. CAP is in possession of these social security numbers because the individuals in question are current or former employees of CAP, or are dependents or 401(k) retirement account beneficiaries of current or former CAP employees. CAP will notify these individuals of the security breach in accordance with Maryland Code Section 14-3504.

We are available to address any further questions or concerns that you may have regarding this incident. Please contact Alex DeMots at 202-481-8198 or ademots@americanprogress.org.

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Protecting personal and sensitive information is extremely important to American Progress. We have robust systems in place to guard against security breaches that we regularly monitor and evaluate for potential improvements, but, unfortunately, our efforts cannot guarantee absolute security. Since this breach, we have implemented new security measures in an effort to prevent further breaches, and we will continue to upgrade our systems as new threats emerge based on the methods available.

We are available to address any further questions or concerns that you may have regarding this incident. Please contact Alex DeMots at 202-481-8198 or ademots@americanprogress.org.

Sincerely,

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