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Dear Aaron Chapin,

I am writing to you on behalf of Americans for Fair Treatment (AFFT) to raise serious concerns regarding the security of personal data held by your organization, particularly considering recent events involving the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA).

As a national community of public-sector employees and concerned citizens, we are deeply troubled by the breach that impacted more than 500,000 individuals, exposing highly sensitive personal information, including Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, medical records, and more.

The delay in transparency from PSEA in disclosing the breach to its members is alarming. We are committed to protecting our members' rights; therefore we must ask the following critical questions regarding the breach and its aftermath.

- 1. What specific security measures does PSECU have in place to safeguard the personal information of union members, especially considering the recent attack on PSEA?
- 2. Can you confirm whether PSECU paid any ransom to the hackers who perpetrated this breach, as was reported in connection with the Rhysida hacker group's actions?
- 3. How does PSECU intend to address the data breach, and what steps have been taken so far?
- 4. What protections are being implemented to prevent future vulnerabilities from being exploited by malicious actors?

Union members across the country expect the highest standards of data security and transparency from organizations holding sensitive personal information. As recent events have shown, hackers increasingly view unions as high-value targets, and unions like PSEA

have unfortunately shown a troubling lack of transparency when addressing these breaches.

AFFT wants to know exactly how PSEA is safeguarding its members' data and whether there has been any attempt to mitigate the impact of this breach by paying the ransom requested by the hackers.

We trust you understand the gravity of these concerns and will provide a full response to these inquiries. Our members deserve the same protections they would expect from any entity holding their private information.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Chip Rogers
Chief Executive Officer
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