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The Honorable Ben Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), AFL-CIO, which represents 670,000 federal workers in 65 agencies throughout the nation and around the world, I am writing to commend your sponsorship of the "Reducing the Effects of the Cyberattack on Office of Personnel Management Victims Emergency Response Act of 2015," (RECOVER Act). If enacted, this legislation would allow the millions of individuals who are or have been employed by the federal government, and had their personal data stolen to take the initial steps necessary to successfully monitor their credit.

Specifically, if enacted, the RECOVER Act would provide lifetime, complimentary identity protection coverage that includes not less than \$5 million in identity theft insurance to any individual whose personally identifiable information was compromised due to the data breach of the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) personnel records of current and former federal employees, or the data breach of OPM systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former, and prospective federal employees. While OPM has informed federal employees that they will provide 18 months of credit monitoring and \$1 million in liability insurance, AFGE believes that a mere 18 months of credit monitoring is entirely inadequate, either as compensation or protection from harm. Federal employees will suffer the consequences of the OPM data breach far longer than 18 months.

AFGE thanks you for your leadership on this important issue and your work to protect federal employees from the misuse of their stolen personal information. In order to protect the personal data of the millions of individuals affected by the data breach from this point forward, at a minimum, federal employees deserve free lifetime credit monitoring and liability insurance that covers the entirety of any loss attributable to the breach. With the personal information of millions of people stolen, we cannot underestimate the long-term threats to federal employees' personal finances, credit, and physical safety.



AFGE fully supports the RECOVER Act and thanks you for your support of federal employees. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-639-6404.

Sincerely yours,



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