SAMPLE PRE-ADVERSE ACTION NOTIFICATION SEATTLE, WA

<Date>

<Applicant/Employee Name/Volunteer Name>

<Address>

<City>, <State> <Zip Code>

Dear <Applicant/Employee/Volunteer Name>

You recently authorized **[INSERT NAME OF COMPANY]** (the “Company”)to obtain consumer reports and/or investigative consumer reports about you from a consumer reporting agency. The Company is considering taking action in whole or in part based on information in such report(s), including the following specific items identified in the report:

**<List specific items>**

We will evaluate the information in your report on an individualized case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law. If you believe that there is additional information that may help us better evaluate your fitness for this position, including evidence of rehabilitation or mitigating circumstances, please contact **<name of individual/department and phone number within your business/organization that the applicant can contact >** immediately.

Enclosed please find (1) a copy of the report we obtained from **IntelliCorp, 5000 Corporate Court, Suite 203; Holtsville, NY 11742; Tel. No. 1.866.202.1436; E-mail** [**reinvestigation@intellicorp.net**](mailto:reinvestigation@intellicorp.net)**;** [**www.intellicorp.net**](http://www.intellicorp.net); (2) A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (3) A Summary of Your Rights Under Washington Law.

If you wish to dispute the accuracy of the information in the report directly with the consumer reporting agency (i.e., the source of the information contained in the report), you should contact the agency identified above directly.

If we do not hear from you within **< X number of business days (recommended 10 day window)>** days, we will make our employment decision based on the information currently available to us.

In the event that an adverse employment action is taken based upon information contained in the pre-employment background screen, the Company will provide you notice of such action.

Sincerely,

<Company Representative Name>

<Title>

Enclosures:   
A Summary of Your Rights Under the FCRA  
Consumer Report

A Summary of Your Rights Under Washington Law

**Statement of Consumer Rights under Washington Law**

This notice provides a summary of consumer rights under the Washington state Fair Credit Reporting Act (WFCRA), R.C.W. § 19.182.005 et. seq. pertaining to the use of consumer reports obtained for employment purposes, as prescribed under R.C.W. § 19.182.020(2)(d)((ii).

**Permissible Purpose and Use of Reports for Employment Purposes.** A CRA may only furnish consumer reports for certain purposes permitted by the WFCRA, such as credit, insurance underwriting and employment. In the case of employment, an employer must provide you with notice and obtain your consent before obtaining a consumer report about you. A potential employer must make a clear and conspicuous disclosure in writing to you or obtain your consent before obtaining a report. A current employer may not receive a report unless it has given you written notice that consumer reports may be used for employment purposes. Employers may only use credit reports only if required by law or if the information is substantially job related and the employer discloses its reasons for the use of such information is disclosed to you in writing. Before taking an adverse action based in whole or in part on the contents of a consumer report, the employer is required to provide you with notice.

**When You May Access Your Consumer File.** You may make a request to review your file at any time. A CRA will make disclosures of your file available to you during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You will be required to provide proper identification, such as your Social Security number, before obtaining access to your file. File disclosures may be done in person or by telephone, if you have made a written request and pay the toll charge, as applicable, or by any other reasonable means. A CRA will provide trained personnel to explain to you any information in your consumer report. Upon request, and proper identification, you may be permitted to bring one additional person with you to review your consumer file. If the CRA provides you with a credit score, the agency will also provide you with an explanation for that credit score.

**Know What is in Your File.** Upon proper identification,you may request and obtain all the information about you in the CRA’s files, although medical information (if any) may be withheld, and instead will be disclosed to a health care provider of your choice. Your health care provider may disclose your medical information to you directly. Your file disclosure will include all items of information the CRA maintains about you, including sources of information (except sources acquired solely for use in an investigative report). The file will also identify each person who procured your consumer report for employment purposes during the two-year period preceding your request, or any person who procured your report for any other purpose within the six-months prior to your request. When applicable, a record of inquiries the CRA received identifying you in a credit transaction that was not initiated by you in the six-months prior to your file disclosure request. Each of these records will include the name of the person or trade name of the business that sought your consumer file, and upon your request, their respective addresses.

**Free Copy of Your Consumer Report.** You are entitled to one free consumer report every 12 months, upon request. In many cases, your file disclosure will be free. You may be charged a limited fee for a second or subsequent report requested by you during a 12 month period. You will also not be charged for:

* a consumer report if a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
* the reinvestigation of information you dispute; or
* corrected reports resulting from the deletion of inaccurate or unverifiable information.

**Being Informed of Adverse Actions Against You.** If a person takes an adverse action against you that is based, in whole or in part, on information contained in a consumer report, that person must tell you (usually, through a written notice), and must give you the name, address, and telephone number of the CRA that provided the information.

**Dispute Incomplete or Inaccurate Information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and you notify the CRA directly of the dispute, the CRA will reinvestigate without charge and record the current status of the disputed information before the end of thirty business days, unless your dispute is frivolous. Upon completion of the reinvestigation, within five business days of the CRA’s decision, the agency will provide you notice in writing or through another authorized means, of the results of the reinvestigation. If the CRA determines that your dispute is frivolous the agency will inform you of that determination, along with its reasons, and your rights under the WFCRA within five business days.

**Inaccurate, Incomplete, or Unverifiable Information Must be Corrected or Deleted from Your File.** Upon completion of the reinvestigation, if the information you disputed is found to be inaccurate or cannot be verified, the CRA will delete the information and notify you of the correction. Information that has been found to be inaccurate will not be reinserted into your consumer file, unless the furnisher of the information verifies the accuracy and completeness of that information. In such circumstances, you will be notified, within thirty business days that the information is being reinserted into your file. If the reinvestigation does not resolve your dispute, you may file with the CRA a brief statement (that may be limited to 100 words) setting forth the nature of your dispute. The statement will be placed in your consumer file and in any subsequent report containing the information you disputed.

**Request that Users of Your Consumer Report be Notified of Any Disputed Information Previously Received Within the Statutory Time Frame.** After certain disputed information has been deleted or you have filed a statement of dispute, you may request that the CRA provides notification of that deleted item or item of dispute to any person you designate who has, within two years received your consumer report for employment purposes, or who has within six months received your report for any other purpose, if the furnished report contained the deleted or disputed information.

**Outdated Negative Information May Not Be Reported.** In most cases, a CRA may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than ten years old.

**Advanced Disclosure of Any Fees.** Any charges for file disclosures or other requested actions to be taken by the CRA must be disclosed to you before the information is provided or the action is taken.

**File Access is Limited.** A CRA may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The WFCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

**Written Notice of Investigative Consumer Reports About You.** An investigative consumer report may include information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. Within a reasonable period of time after receiving such notice that an investigative consumer report was requested about you, you may request, in writing, a disclosure as to the nature and scope of the investigation requested—which will be delivered to you within five days of your request.

**Seeking Damages from Violators.** If a CRA, a user of consumer reports, or a furnisher of information to a CRA violates the WFCRA, and you have a legal basis for a claim under the WFCRA, you may be able to bring a legal action in court to assert your rights under the WFCRA. The applicable statute of limitations is specified in Wash. Stat. § 19.182.120 —which is generally two years from the date the cause of action accrued. Consumers who prevail on claims to enforce the WCFRA may obtain actual damages, monetary penalties, reasonable attorneys’ fees, costs, and other relief.

For questions or concerns regarding the WFCRA, please contact:

Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division

800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000

Seattle, Washington 98104-3188

Phone 1-800-551-4636 or (206) 464-6684

Statewide Toll-Free TDD: 800-833-6388

Any complaints by consumers under state law may be directed to:

The Attorney General’s Office

via U.S. Mail or Online.

Information and forms related to filing a consumer complaint can be found at: http://www.atg.wa.gov/FileAComplaint.aspx

Additional information about consumer issues can be found at

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/consumer-issues>

*Para información en español, visite* [*www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore*](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) *o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.*

**A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to** [**www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore**](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) **or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.**

* **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
* **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  + a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  + you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  + your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  + you are on public assistance;
  + you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

* **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
* **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer

reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.

* **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
* **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
* **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
* **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore)
* **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
* The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies**:**

**CONSUMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A SECURITY FREEZE**

**You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.** The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent.

However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is

placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

* **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
* **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore)

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:**

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| **TYPE OF BUSINESS:** | **CONTACT:** |
| 1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over $10 billion and their affiliates  b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB: | 1. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW   Washington, DC 20552   1. Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580   (877) 382-4357 |
| 2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:   1. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks 2. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act. 3. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations 4. Federal Credit Unions | a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group  P.O. Box 53570 Houston, TX 77052  b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center  P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480   1. Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection National Center for Consumer and Depositor Assistance Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation   1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106   1. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Financial Protection 1775 Duke Street   Alexandria, VA 22314 |
| 3. Air carriers | Assistant General Counsel for Office of Aviation Protection Department of Transportation  1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590 |
| 4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board | Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance Surface Transportation Board  395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423 |
| 5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 | Nearest Packers and Stockyards Division Regional Office |
| 6. Small Business Investment Companies | Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access United States Small Business Administration  409 Third Street SW, Suite 8200  Washington, DC 20416 |
| 7. Brokers and Dealers | Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE  Washington, DC 20549 |
| 8. Institutions that are members of the Farm Credit System | Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090 |
| 9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above | Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580  (877) 382-4357 |