

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING YOUR CONSUMER AND CREDIT INFORMATION

In accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), approved October 26, 1970 (P.L. 91-508; 15 U.S.C. § 1681), this notifies you that a Consumer Credit Report or Investigative Consumer Report will be obtained on you for purposes of your employment in the D.C. government.

The attached **Authorization to Procure Consumer and Credit Information** must be signed so we can conduct an inquiry with a credit bureau and complete your investigation.

Failure to complete this form and comply with the investigative requirements for the position you currently occupy or have been selected for could result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal, or rescission of your conditional offer of appointment. If the D.C. government intends to take any adverse action based in whole or in part on your credit report, you are entitled to certain protections set out in the Fair Credit Reporting Act. These protections are provided below.

### A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

The 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 the 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 consumer reporting agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain a copy of all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”) by contacting the consumer reporting agency. 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: (1) a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report; (2) you are a victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file; (3) your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud; (4) you are on public assistance; or (5) 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 <https://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 1-888-567-8688.

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:**

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:	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552 (855) 411-2372  b. 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: a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks  b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group P.O. Box 53570 Houston, TX 77052 (800) 613-6743  b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
<p>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.</p> <p>c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations</p> <p>d. Federal Credit Unions</p>	<p>Minneapolis, MN 55480 (888) 851-1920</p> <p>c. 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 (877) 275-3342</p> <p>d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Financial Protection 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (800) 755-1030</p>
<p>3. Air carriers</p>	<p>Assistant General Counsel for Office of Aviation Protection Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-2220</p>
<p>4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board</p>	<p>Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423 (800) 877-8339</p>
<p>5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921</p>	<p>Nearest Packers and Stockyards Division Regional Office</p>
<p>6. Small Business Investment Companies</p>	<p>Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street SW, Suite 8200 Washington, DC 20416 (800) 827-5722</p>
<p>7. Brokers and Dealers</p>	<p>Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549 (800) 732-0330</p>
<p>8. Institutions that are members of the Farm Credit System</p>	<p>Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090 (703) 883-4056</p>
<p>9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above</p>	<p>Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357</p>

**AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE CONSUMER AND CREDIT INFORMATION**

By signing below, I hereby authorize the District government agency (or it's designee) considering me for employment in a security-sensitive position to contact any and all consumer reporting agencies to release my consumer information including, but not limited to, information about my consumer credit history. I understand that this consumer information is needed in connection with my current security-sensitive position or an offer of appointment to a security-sensitive position made to me by the

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Employee/Applicant/Volunteer Name Signature

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Social Security Number

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Other Name(s) Used (Print)

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Date of Birth

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Address

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Date of Acknowledgement

**NOTE:** Information regarding disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is used in accordance with section 3104.3 of Chapter 31A of the D.C. personnel regulations, Records Management and Privacy of Records. Disclosure of your SSN is mandatory to obtain the services and benefits of employment with the District government. The SSN is used as an identifier throughout your District government career. The information gathered through the use of the SSN will be used only as necessary in personnel administration processes carried out in accordance with established laws, regulations and published notices of systems of records.

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I understand that, pursuant to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, if any adverse action is to be taken, in whole or in part, based upon my consumer report, I am entitled to the protections set out in the Fair Credit Reporting Act attached to this form. I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that all information I have provided below is accurate, true and correct, and attest that I fully understand the terms of this release.

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Employee/ Applicant/ Volunteer Name Signature

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Date of Acknowledgement