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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records that the Vermont Attorney General collects to monitor data breach notification reports affecting Vermont residents. These breach notifications are described in Vermont's Security Breach Notice Act which states "(ii) The data collector may send to the Attorney General or the Department, as applicable, a second copy of the consumer notice, from which is redacted the type of personally identifiable information that was subject to the breach, and which the Attorney General or the Department shall use for any public disclosure of the breach." This request would consequently cover any of these documents posted to the Attorney General's website from January 1, 2017 through the present.

A form of public disclosure is already available on the Vermont Attorney General's website, however an application is used to prevent the web scraping of these template consumer notices. These consumer notices are available for review here: <https://ago.vermont.gov/data-security-breaches/>. However, I would like pdf copies of these documents. I've been able to collect similar records from New Hampshire (<https://www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/security-breaches/a.htm>) alongside a number of additional states.

I request a waiver of fees if possible. If fees for search and processing are expected to exceed \$30 please contact me before proceeding. I am presently enrolled as a PhD student at the Georgia Institute of Technology. These records would be used as part of my dissertation research, which will produce quantitative comparative analysis of state reported data breaches. This research is in the public interest as it will advance our understanding of the nature of cybersecurity threats directed at the American private sector. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Please take note of the

1. This public records request, including any associated correspondence, will be considered a public record in its entirety. As such, it will be made available to any

following disclaimer: member of the public upon request.
2. Do not include any sensitive information, such as medical information, financial account numbers, or Social Security numbers. The AGO will contact you if additional information is required.
3. Submission of this form does not constitute receipt of it by the AGO. Your public records request will be considered received on the next business day following its submission.

Agreement I agree that I have read the directions and disclaimers on this form and that the information that I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Clicking the Declaration below is equivalent to my electronic signature.

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