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Pursuant to Maine's security breach notification law, we are writing to notify your office that on September 9, 2008, a third-party vendor contracted by Merrill Lynch reported that on July 28, 2008, an external computer hard drive was lost/stolen while in transit to the vendor's central technology facility. The vendor promptly reported the incident to law enforcement authorities.

The hard drive contained the personal and account information for a limited number of current and former Merrill Lynch clients and prospective clients who are residents of the state of Maine. The information affected may have included: name, Social Security number/Tax Identification number, date of birth, address, telephone number, e-mail address, passport number, driver's license number, and Merrill Lynch account number(s). In addition, similar information for other individuals in the relationship, such as a spouse, children or joint account holder(s), may have also been affected. In certain cases, other information regarding loans, insurance policies, other financial institution account numbers and online user credentials may have also been resident on the device.

We do not have any indication that any of the information contained on the hard drive has been or will be improperly used. A letter of notification was delivered to the Maine residents affected by this incident on or about October 20, 2008.

Very truly yours,

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