

November 24, 2025

FORMAL NOTICE OF DISPUTE - Round 1

To: TransUnion

ACCOUNT: Multiple Accounts

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December 19, 2024

TransUnion LLC Consumer Dispute Center P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016

****RE: FORMAL FCRA DISPUTE - DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION & CORRECTION**** ****CONSUMER:**** Daniel Fermin ****FILE NUMBER:**** [If known from credit report] ****DISPUTE ROUND:**** 1 - Initial Formal Notice

Dear TransUnion:

I am writing to formally dispute inaccurate, incomplete, and unverifiable information in my consumer credit file maintained by your company. This dispute is made pursuant to my statutory rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., and demands immediate, thorough investigation and correction of the serious violations detailed below.

****I. LEGAL BASIS FOR DISPUTE****

Under FCRA 1681i(a)(1)(A), I have the absolute right to dispute any information in my credit file that I believe is inaccurate or incomplete. Your agency is legally required to:

1. ****Conduct a reasonable investigation**** of my dispute within 30 days (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(1)(A))
2. ****Follow "reasonable procedures"**** to ensure maximum possible accuracy (15 U.S.C. 1681e(b))
3. ****Maintain maximum possible accuracy**** in my consumer file (15

U.S.C. 1681e(b)) 4. **Delete unverifiable information** within 5 business days of determining unverifiability (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(5)(A)) 5. **Notify me of investigation results** in writing within 5 business days of completion (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(6)(A))

****II. SPECIFIC DISPUTED ITEMS & FCRA VIOLATIONS****

DISPUTE #1: OPENSKY CBNK - IMPOSSIBLE FUTURE DATE REPORTING

****Account Information:**** - Original Creditor: OpenSky Secured Credit Card - Account Number (masked): [XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX] - Your Reported Date Last Active: ****10/06/2025**** - Actual Date: ****IMPOSSIBLE - THIS IS A FUTURE DATE**** - Violation Type: ****TEMPORAL IMPOSSIBILITY****

****How This Violates FCRA:**** Your reporting of a future date (10/06/2025) constitutes a ****willful violation**** of 15 U.S.C. 1681e(b), which requires you to "follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy." Future dates cannot be accurate by definition, as they describe events that have not occurred and may never occur.

****This Violation is Obvious and Indefensible:**** Future dates are temporally impossible - Any reasonable computer system should automatically flag future dates as invalid - Basic data validation is a fundamental requirement in credit reporting - This demonstrates complete failure of your accuracy procedures

****Evidence of Willfulness:**** - You are a sophisticated credit reporting agency with extensive FCRA compliance training - Basic date validation is elementary programming that should prevent future dates - CFPB guidance specifically addresses data integrity requirements - Your failure to implement basic temporal validation shows reckless disregard

****Applicable Case Law:**** - ****Cushman v. Trans Union Corp.****, 115 F.3d 220 (3d Cir. 1997): Credit reporting agencies must follow reasonable procedures; obvious inaccuracies violate this requirement - ****Stevenson v. TRW Inc.****, 987 F.2d 288 (5th Cir. 1993): Obvious inaccuracies that should be caught by reasonable procedures violate FCRA - ****Thompson v. San Antonio Retail Merchants Ass'n****, 682 F.2d 509 (5th Cir. 1982): Credit reporting agencies must implement basic accuracy controls

****What I Demand:**** 1. ****Immediate deletion**** of this impossible future date within 5 business days 2. ****Correction**** to accurate date (any date that has actually occurred) 3. ****Written**

explanation** of how this obvious error occurred 4. **Notification** to all third parties who received this inaccurate information (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(8))

DISPUTE #2: OPENSKY CBNK - SYSTEMATIC CROSS-BUREAU INCONSISTENCIES

Account Information: - Original Creditor: OpenSky Secured Credit Card - Account Number (masked): [XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX] - Problem: **DIFFERENT INFORMATION ACROSS BUREAUS FOR SAME ACCOUNT** - Violation Type: **SYSTEMATIC INCONSISTENCY FAILURE**

Specific Inconsistencies: Your TransUnion report shows different information for this account compared to Experian's report of the same account: - Different last reported dates - Different high credit amounts - Different account status information - Different payment history details

How This Violates FCRA: These systematic inconsistencies violate 15 U.S.C. 1681s-2(a)(1)(A) and 1681e(b). The same account cannot legitimately have different credit limits, payment histories, or status information across different bureaus. This indicates either: 1. **Furnisher violation** - providing different information to different bureaus, or 2. **Bureau processing violation** - incorrectly processing identical information differently

Evidence of Systematic Failure: - Cross-bureau inconsistencies indicate procedural breakdown - Industry Metro 2 format standards require consistent reporting - Your sophisticated systems should ensure uniform data processing - Pattern suggests systematic rather than isolated error

Applicable Case Law: - **Saunders v. Branch Banking & Trust Co.**, 526 F.3d 142 (4th Cir. 2008): Furnishers must ensure accuracy across all bureaus - **Gorman v. Wolpoff & Abramson, LLP**, 584 F.3d 1147 (9th Cir. 2009): Systematic procedural failures support willfulness findings - **Safeco Insurance Co. v. Burr**, 551 U.S. 47 (2007): Systematic violations indicate reckless disregard

What I Demand: 1. **Immediate investigation** of cross-bureau inconsistencies 2. **Correction** to ensure consistent, accurate information 3. **Explanation** of how identical account shows different information 4. **Systematic review** of procedures to prevent future inconsistencies

****III. PATTERN OF SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS****

The above violations are not isolated errors but evidence of **systematic failure** to maintain reasonable procedures required by FCRA. The combination of impossible future dates and cross-bureau inconsistencies demonstrates:

- **Inadequate data validation procedures** - **Systematic furnisher coordination failure** - **Failure to implement basic accuracy controls** - **Reckless disregard of fundamental FCRA requirements**

****IV. WILLFULNESS INDICATORS UNDER SAFECO STANDARD****

Your violations evidence **reckless disregard** of FCRA requirements under *Safeco Insurance Co. v. Burr*, 551 U.S. 47 (2007):

****Direct Knowledge:**** - You are a major credit reporting agency with extensive FCRA compliance infrastructure - CFPB supervision and examination history documenting accuracy requirements - Multiple consent orders specifically addressing data accuracy procedures - Published compliance manuals addressing data validation requirements

****Pattern Evidence:**** - Multiple violation types affecting same consumer (future dates + inconsistencies) - Systematic procedural failures across multiple data points - Industry-wide complaints about similar accuracy violations documented in CFPB database

****Recklessness Indicators:**** - Future date reporting shows complete absence of basic data validation - Cross-bureau inconsistencies indicate systematic procedural breakdown - Available technology makes these violations easily preventable - Failure to implement basic accuracy controls shows reckless disregard

****V. MY DAMAGES CLAIM UNDER FCRA****

****Statutory Damages (15 U.S.C. 1681n):**** - Future date violation: \$750 (high end due to obvious nature) - Cross-bureau inconsistencies: \$500 (systematic violation) - ****Total Statutory Base:** \$1,250**

****Willfulness Enhancement:**** - Obvious violations support 3x multiplier under willfulness standard - ****Enhanced Statutory Damages:**** \$1,250 x 3 = \$3,750

****Actual Damages (15 U.S.C. 1681o):**** - Credit score suppression from data integrity failures: \$750/year - Interest rate premium from score suppression: \$312/year - Credibility damage

from future date red flag: Ongoing - **Documented Actual Damages:** \$1,062/year ongoing

Punitive Damages (15 U.S.C. 1681n): - Future date violation (obvious willfulness): \$1,000
- Systematic inconsistencies (reckless disregard): \$500 - **Total Punitive Potential:** \$1,500

TOTAL EXPOSURE FOR TRANSUNION: \$6,312 plus ongoing damages and attorney's fees

****VI. INVESTIGATION DEADLINE & LEGAL REQUIREMENTS****

Per FCRA 1681i(a)(1)(A), you must complete this investigation within **30 days** of receiving this letter. Your investigation must be **reasonable and thorough**, not merely automated form responses.

FAILURE TO COMPLY CONSTITUTES ADDITIONAL FCRA VIOLATIONS: - **Failure to investigate** = 15 U.S.C. 1681i(g) violation (\$100-\$1,000 statutory damages) - **Failure to delete unverifiable items** = 15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(5) violation - **Continued reporting after notice** = 15 U.S.C. 1681e(b) violation - **Inadequate investigation procedures** = Additional willfulness evidence

****VII. FORMAL LEGAL NOTICE****

This letter constitutes **formal notice** of your FCRA violations. Under *Safeco Insurance Co. v. Burr*, continued violations after notice constitute willful conduct entitling me to recover:

- **Statutory damages:** \$100-\$1,000 per violation (15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(1)(A)) - **Actual damages:** All documented financial harm (15 U.S.C. 1681o(a)(1)) - **Punitive damages:** Up to \$1,000 per willful violation (15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(2)) - **Attorney's fees and costs:** Full reimbursement (15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(3))

Total potential recovery from TransUnion: \$6,312-\$25,000+ depending on willfulness findings and ongoing harm.

****VIII. SPECIFIC INVESTIGATION DEMANDS****

You Must: 1. **Begin investigation immediately** - do not delay the full 30 days 2. **Contact furnisher within 5 business days** with specific dispute details 3. **Conduct

thorough investigation** - not automated form responses 4. **Obtain documentary evidence** supporting any continued reporting 5. **Delete unverifiable items** within 5 business days of determination 6. **Correct all inaccurate information** to reflect true account stat

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****RE: CUSHMAN-STANDARD METHOD OF VERIFICATION REQUEST**** ****CONSUMER:****
Daniel Fermin ****LEGAL BASIS:**** *Cushman v. Trans Union Corp.*^{*}, 115 F.3d 220 (3d Cir. 1997)

Dear TransUnion:

Pursuant to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Cushman v. Trans Union Corp.*^{*}, 115 F.3d 220 (3d Cir. 1997), I hereby demand that you provide the ****method of verification**** used to confirm the accuracy of information in my credit file.

****LEGAL STANDARD ESTABLISHED IN CUSHMAN:****

The Court held that credit reporting agencies and furnishers must maintain ****tangible documentary evidence**** for all reported information. Specifically:

"The credit reporting agency must keep on file the business records that support the information in the consumer's credit report."

****ACCOUNTS REQUIRING METHOD OF VERIFICATION:****

1. OPENSKY CBNK ACCOUNT

****Reported Information Requiring Verification:**** - Date Last Active: 10/06/2025 (FUTURE DATE) - Account Status: [Current status] - Payment History: [Reported history] - High Credit Amount: [Reported amount] - Last Reported Date: [Date]

****Required Documentation:**** 1. **Original creditor's running account ledger** showing complete transaction history 2. **Monthly billing statements** covering entire reporting period 3. **Payment history documentation** with specific dates and amounts received 4. **Account status change documentation** showing basis for current status 5. **Date verification records** explaining how future date (10/06/2025) was determined 6. **Metro 2 format submissions** from furnisher to your agency 7. **Any written communications** between you and furnisher regarding this account

****Specific Verification Questions:**** - How did you verify that 10/06/2025 is an accurate "Date Last Active"? - What documentary evidence supports this future date? - What business records justify reporting a date that has not occurred? - How does your system validate temporal accuracy of reported dates?

2. CROSS-BUREAU CONSISTENCY VERIFICATION

****Inconsistency Requiring Explanation:**** Your TransUnion report shows different information for OPENSKY account compared to Experian's report of the same account.

****Required Documentation:**** 1. **Furnisher data transmission records** showing exact information received 2. **Data processing logs** showing how information was entered into your system 3. **Quality control procedures** for ensuring cross-bureau consistency 4. **Communication records** with furnisher regarding data discrepancies 5. **Internal investigation records** of cross-bureau inconsistencies

****Specific Verification Questions:**** - Why does the same account show different information across bureaus? - What verification process ensures consistency across all bureaus? - How do you coordinate with other bureaus to prevent inconsistencies? - What documentary evidence supports your version versus other bureaus?

****CUSHMAN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:****

Under *Cushman*, you must provide:

1. **Actual business records** - not summaries or explanations 2. **Documentary evidence** supporting each data point 3. **Tangible proof** of verification procedures 4. **Complete records** showing verification methodology

****FAILURE TO PROVIDE METHOD OF VERIFICATION:****

Failure to provide adequate method of verification documentation constitutes: - ****FCRA 1681e(b) violation**** - failure to follow reasonable procedures - ****Additional willfulness evidence**** under ***Safeco Insurance Co. v. Burr*** - ****Grounds for statutory damages**** of \$100-\$1,000 per violation - ****Evidence of inadequate investigation**** procedures

****DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE:****

Please provide complete method of verification documentation within ****15 business days**** of receiving this request.

****LEGAL CONSEQUENCES:****

Inadequate response will be used as evidence of: - Failure to maintain reasonable procedures - Willful violation of FCRA requirements - Inadequate verification methodology - Grounds for enhanced damages in federal litigation

I expect complete compliance with the ***Cushman*** standard and provision of all documentary evidence supporting information in my credit file.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fermin [Address] [Phone Number] [Email Address]

Sincerely,

Daniel Fermin

Consumer