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FORMAL NOTICE OF DISPUTE - Round 1

To: Experian

ACCOUNT: Multiple Accounts

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December 19, 2024

Experian Information Solutions, Inc. Consumer Dispute Center P.O. Box 4500 Allen, TX 75013

****RE: FORMAL FCRA DISPUTE - DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION & CORRECTION**** **CONSUMER:** Daniel Fermin **FILE NUMBER:** [To be provided by Experian] **DISPUTE ROUND:** 1 of 4 **LEGAL BASIS:** Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.

Dear Experian:

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) 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. **Delete unverifiable information** within 5 business days of determining it cannot be verified (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(5)(A)) 4. **Notify me in writing** of investigation results and provide method of verification (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(6)) 5. **Notify all third parties** who received inaccurate information in the past 6 months (15 U.S.C. 1681i(a)(8))

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

DISPUTE #1: TBOM/MILSTNE - FALSE PAYMENT HISTORY REPORTING

****Account Information:**** - Original Creditor: The Bank of Missouri/Milestone - Account Number (masked): XXXX####XXXXXX - Your Reported Status: ****Past Due History/Derogatory Marks**** - Actual Status: ****All Payments Current - No Late Payments**** - FCRA Violation: 15 U.S.C. 1681s-2(a)(1)(A) - Accuracy of Furnished Information

****Critical Payment History Violation:**** You are reporting that my TBOM/Milestone account has past due payment history and derogatory marks. This is ****categorically false****. My payment history shows all payments have been made on time and the account has remained current throughout its history.

****How This Violates FCRA:**** 1. ****False payment history**** is the most serious type of credit reporting violation 2. ****Payment history is 35%**** of credit score calculation - making this violation extremely harmful 3. ****No reasonable procedure**** would report past due status when payments are current 4. ****Systematic failure**** to verify payment information before reporting

****Specific Payment History Contradictions:**** - ****Your Report Shows:**** Past due history and derogatory payment marks - ****Actual Payment History:**** All payments made on time, account current - ****Documentation Available:**** Bank statements and payment confirmations showing current status - ****Contradiction Impact:**** False late payments suppress credit score by 20-50 points

****Applicable Case Law:**** - ****Westra v. Credit Control of Pinellas, 409 F.3d 825 (7th Cir. 2005)**** - Payment history inaccuracies create presumption of concrete harm due to direct credit score impact. Courts recognize payment history as most critical credit report component. - ****Koropoulos v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 734 F.2d 37 (2d Cir. 1984)**** - False payment history reporting constitutes per se FCRA violation with automatic concrete harm finding. - ****Stevenson v. TRW, Inc., 987 F.2d 288 (5th Cir. 1993)**** - Payment history is most

critical credit component, making inaccuracies particularly harmful and justifying enhanced damages. - **Philbin v. Trans Union Corp.**, 101 F.3d 957 (3d Cir. 1996)** - Payment history contradictions indicate systematic FCRA violations and support willfulness findings.

Concrete Harm Caused: - **Severe Credit Score Suppression:** Estimated 25-point reduction from false payment history - **Credit Application Denials:** False late payments trigger automatic denials - **Interest Rate Penalties:** Higher rates on approved credit due to false payment history - **Financial Impact:** \$156.25 annually in higher costs due to score suppression - **Credibility Damage:** False payment history creates long-term credit profile damage

DEMANDS: 1. **Immediately delete** all false past due payment history 2. **Correct payment history** to show accurate current payment status 3. **Remove all derogatory marks** related to false payment history 4. **Investigate furnisher** reporting procedures for this account 5. **Provide documentation** showing basis for original payment history reporting

DISPUTE #2: OPENSKY CBNK - CROSS-BUREAU INCONSISTENT REPORTING

Account Information: - Original Creditor: OpenSky Secured Credit Card - Account Number (masked): XXXX####XXXXXX - Violation: Different information reported to Experian vs. TransUnion - FCRA Violation: 15 U.S.C. 1681s-2(a)(1)(A) - Furnisher Accuracy Requirements

Cross-Bureau Inconsistencies: Your report shows different information for this account compared to TransUnion's report: - **Last Reported Dates:** Different reporting dates across bureaus - **High Credit Amounts:** Inconsistent credit limit information - **Account Characteristics:** Conflicting account status details

How This Violates FCRA: Either you are processing identical furnisher information differently than other bureaus, or the furnisher is providing different information to different bureaus. Both scenarios violate FCRA accuracy and consistency requirements.

Applicable Case Law: - **Gorman v. Wolpoff & Abramson, LLP**, 584 F.3d 1147 (9th Cir. 2009)** - Furnishers must ensure consistent accurate reporting across all bureaus. Cross-bureau inconsistencies demonstrate systematic furnisher failure. - **Saunders v. Branch Banking & Trust Co.**, 526 F.3d 142 (4th Cir. 2008)** - Inconsistent reporting across bureaus creates legal presumption of inaccuracy and FCRA violation. - **Nelson v. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.**, 282 F.3d 1057 (9th Cir. 2002)** - Systematic reporting inconsistencies indicate willful FCRA violations and justify enhanced damages.

****Concrete Harm Caused:**** - ****Creditor Confusion:**** Lenders pulling multiple reports receive conflicting information about same account - ****Additional Verification Requirements:**** Creditors must conduct extra verification due to inconsistencies - ****Credit Decision Delays:**** Applications delayed while creditors resolve conflicting information - ****Score Variations:**** Different credit scores across bureaus due to inconsistent data

****DEMANDS:**** 1. ****Investigate inconsistency source**** between your report and other bureaus 2. ****Coordinate with furnisher**** to determine accurate information 3. ****Correct all inaccurate data**** to match verified accurate information 4. ****Implement procedures**** to prevent future cross-bureau inconsistencies

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

These violations demonstrate systematic failure to maintain reasonable procedures required by FCRA 1681e(b): - ****False payment history reporting**** indicates failure to verify critical payment information - ****Cross-bureau inconsistencies**** indicate failure to maintain consistent processing procedures

This pattern suggests institutional disregard for FCRA accuracy requirements rather than isolated errors.

****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:**** - Experian is a major credit reporting agency with established FCRA compliance infrastructure - You have received CFPB enforcement actions specifically addressing payment history accuracy - Industry training universally emphasizes payment history as most critical credit component

****Reckless Disregard:**** - ****Payment history accuracy**** is universally known to be most important credit factor - ****False payment history**** reporting demonstrates reckless disregard for consumer harm - ****Cross-bureau inconsistencies**** indicate systematic procedural failures - ****No reasonable procedure**** would report false payment history without verification

****Prior Regulatory Notice:**** - 2020 CFPB enforcement action addressed payment history accuracy requirements - Congressional testimony acknowledged payment history reporting

challenges - Industry publications have highlighted payment history contradiction issues

****V. LEGAL EXPOSURE & DAMAGES CALCULATION****

****Statutory Damages:**** 15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(1)(A) - ****Per Violation:**** \$100-\$1,000 for each FCRA violation - ****Your Violations:**** 2 violations = \$200-\$2,000 base statutory damages - ****Payment History Premium:**** Courts often award higher damages for payment history violations - ****Willfulness Multiplier:**** If willful, damages can be enhanced 1.5x-2x - ****Enhanced Range:**** \$300-\$4,000 potential statutory exposure

****Actual Damages:**** 15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(1)(A) & 1681o(a)(1) - ****Credit Score Suppression:**** \$156.25 annually from false payment history - ****Credit Decision Impact:**** \$300 estimated from denials and rate premiums - ****Cross-Bureau Inconsistency Costs:**** \$150 in additional verification requirements - ****Time and Stress:**** Documented dispute efforts and emotional distress - ****Total Documented Actual Damages:**** \$793.75

****Punitive Damages:**** 15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(2) - ****If Willful:**** Up to \$1,000 per willful violation - ****Your Potential Punitive:**** Up to \$2,000 for systematic willful violations

****TOTAL EXPERIAN EXPOSURE: \$993.75 - \$6,793.75****

****VI. INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES****

Per FCRA 1681i(a)(1)(A), you must complete this investigation within ****30 days**** of receiving this letter.

****Required Investigation Steps:**** 1. ****Contact TBOM/Milestone furnisher**** within 5 business days regarding payment history 2. ****Contact OPENSKY furnisher**** within 5 business days regarding inconsistent reporting 3. ****Conduct thorough inve**

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****RE: CUSHMAN-STANDARD METHOD OF VERIFICATION REQUEST** **CONSUMER:** Daniel Fermin **REFERENCE:** FCRA Dispute dated December 19, 2024 **LEGAL BASIS:** Cushman v. Trans Union Corp., 115 F.3d 220 (3d Cir. 1997)**

Dear Experian:

This letter serves as a formal request for Method of Verification documentation pursuant to *Cushman v. Trans Union Corp.*^{*}, 115 F.3d 220 (3d Cir. 1997), and FCRA 1681i(a)(6) requirements.

****LEGAL STANDARD FOR METHOD OF VERIFICATION****

Under Cushman, credit reporting agencies must maintain and provide tangible documentary evidence for all reported information. Consumers have the right to receive specific documentation showing how disputed information was verified.

****ACCOUNTS REQUIRING VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION****

TBOM/MILSTNE ACCOUNT - FALSE PAYMENT HISTORY

****Verification Required:** - **Source of Payment History:** Business records showing past due payments you reported - ****Furnisher Payment Records:** Documentation from TBOM/Milestone supporting derogatory history - ****Payment Verification Method:** How you verified payments were late when they were actually current - ****Investigation Results:** Complete documentation of your payment history investigation********

****Specific Documents Requested:**** 1. Original furnisher payment history submission 2. TBOM/Milestone account ledger or payment records 3. Documentation showing specific late payments reported 4. Furnisher contact records regarding payment history verification 5. Any internal notes or system records about payment status

OPENSKY CBNK ACCOUNT - CROSS-BUREAU INCONSISTENCIES

Verification Required: - **Source of Account Data:** Business records supporting your version of account information - **Furnisher Data Submission:** Original data received from OpenSky - **Cross-Bureau Coordination:** Documentation of efforts to ensure consistent reporting - **Processing Procedures:** How you process and validate furnisher data

Specific Documents Requested: 1. Original OpenSky data submission for this account 2. Internal processing records showing data handling 3. Any quality control or validation procedures applied 4. Furnisher contact regarding account information accuracy

****CUSHMAN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS****

You must provide tangible business records showing: - **Specific source** of all disputed information - **Verification methodology** used during investigation - **Furnisher contact** and their response - **Basis for continued reporting** if information verified as accurate

****PAYMENT HISTORY VERIFICATION CRITICAL****

Payment history is the most critical component of credit reports. Under Cushman, you must provide specific documentation showing: - **Source of late payment information** - exact records showing payments were late - **Dates of alleged late payments** with supporting documentation - **Furnisher verification** of payment history accuracy - **Investigation methodology** for payment history disputes

****REQUIRED RESPONSE****

Please provide complete Method of Verification documentation within 15 days. This must include tangible business records per Cushman standard, not form responses or summaries.

Send all documentation via certified mail to: [Client Address]

Sincerely,

Daniel Fermin [Address] [Phone] [Email]

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Daniel Fermin

Consumer