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To: Amy Ress

Subject: Test Message - Text Format: We've been hacked

Dear 1% Community,

Last Monday, December 8th, we discovered that theonepercent.org had been hacked. A malicious hacker broke through our security protocols and firewalls and put up his own vanity page to brag about his destructive success. In responding to this unexpected and unprovoked attack, we contacted our web developers to repair the site. A full assessment of the situation has been made, and we felt it our responsibility to share with you the ramifications of what has occurred.

- The hacker deleted files essential to site operation to damage it
- The hacker may have stolen user information such as usernames, passwords, and contact info.

The security vulnerabilities/back doors the hacker exploited have been patched up. The site is now back under our control and the vanity page has been removed. We are working with our web developers to restore the site as soon as possible and restore all of the deleted files. We are not sure at this point how long the process will take. We have notified law enforcement and are encouraging all members to monitor their e-mail addresses and accounts for any suspicious activity. Although we do not know the motivation behind the attack, we do not believe our members' professional information was the intended target.

Public Architecture has always taken information security very seriously, and we will continue to take every possible action to safeguard the professional information of those who pledge 1% and use the matching service. Unfortunately, Public Architecture is not immune to hacking, but we are disappointed and sorry for the inconvenience this incident may cause.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns, and we will send out another message when the site has been restored to its full capabilities. Thank you for understanding and bearing with us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

John Peterson

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