The chief security officer, Susan Mauldin, and chief information officer, David Webb, are retiring immediately as the company reviews the cyberattack, Equifax [said in a statement on Sept. 15.](https://investor.equifax.com/news-and-events/news/2017/09-15-2017-224018832)

The company’s network was breached between mid-May and July 29, when it first detected something was wrong.

While trying to determine David Webb's political affilation, I did a search in Yahoo under David Webb Republican and another search in Yahoo for David Webb Democrat and it was interesting because I did not see the same articles under each search.

**CIO, David Webb**

**(Not to be confused with David Webb the radio host)**

Goldman Sachs and GE connections, spent some time in Europe.

At Equifax, he served as CIO since 2010

Webb is being replaced by Mark Rohrwasser, Equifax’s international CIO since July 2016, and the new CSO is Russ Ayres, a senior IT manager since January 2015.

Although the Apache Struts project patched that vulnerability in March, Equifax was unable to patch it before attackers exploited the dispute portal web application in May.

<http://www.aitpatlanta.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=417:david-webb-cio-equifax&catid=17:speakers&Itemid=225>

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<http://www.eweek.com/security/equifax-parts-ways-with-cio-and-cso-following-data-breach>

**Suan Maulding, CSO**

Susan Mauldin is Equifax's CSO, and has been with the company since 2013.

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**BIO**

<https://www.boardroominsiders.com/executive-profiles/1006308/Equifax,-Inc./Susan-Mauldin>

<https://securityledger.com/2017/09/opinion-when-they-say-your-major-is-a-problem-what-they-mean-is-your-gender-is-a-problem/>

Information security talent expert (tongue in cheek) and Market Watch columnist Brett Arends points out in [his recent opinion](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/equifax-ceo-hired-a-music-major-as-the-companys-chief-security-officer-2017-09-15), hiring a CSO with the wrong education is negligent.  He points out that Congress should start their grilling of Equifax CEO Richard Smith about why he would “put someone with degrees in music in charge of the company’s data security”.  Her “LinkedIn professional profile lists no education related to technology or security.”

<https://frsecure.com/blog/what-makes-a-good-chief-security-officer/>

**About the Breach**

When Equifax drilled deeper into the problem, it found a vulnerability in the Apache Struts Web application framework (CVE-2017-5638), and determined that flaw was the initial attack vector.

"Equifax's Security organization was aware of this vulnerability at that time, and took efforts to identify and to patch any vulnerable systems in the company's IT infrastructure," Equifax stated. "While Equifax fully understands the intense focus on patching efforts, the company's review of the facts is still ongoing. The company will release additional information when available."

Equifax said on Friday that data on up to 400,000 Britons was stolen in the hack because it was stored in the United States. The data included names, email addresses and telephone numbers but not street addresses or financial data, Equifax said.

Canada’s privacy commissioner said on Friday that it has launched an investigation into the data breach. Equifax is still working to determine the number of Canadians affected, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada said in a statement.

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https://www.reuters.com/article/us-equifax-cyber-moves/equifax-two-top-technology-executives-leave-company-effective-immediately-idUSKCN1BQ2WN

**Financial Impacts**

Equifax’s share prices has fallen by more than a third since the company disclosed the hack on Sept. 7. Shares shed 3.8 percent on Friday to close at $92.98.

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Legal Impacts

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, who has built a reputation as a fierce consumer champion, kicked off a new round of attacks on Equifax on Friday by introducing a bill along with 11 other senators to allow consumers to freeze their credit for free. A credit freeze prevents thieves from applying for a loan using another person’s information.

Also on Friday, the chairman and ranking member of the Senate subcommittee on Social Security urged Social Security Administration to consider nullifying its contract with Equifax and consider making the company ineligible for future government contracts.

The two senators, Republican Bill Cassidy and Democrat Sherrod Brown, said they were concerned that personal information maintained by the Social Security Administration may also be at risk because the agency worked with Equifax to build its E-Authentication security platform.

Even as millions of consumers grapple with fallout from the Equifax data breach, Republican lawmakers are quietly backing legislation to deregulate credit agencies and make them even less accountable for wrongdoing.

Bills are pending in Congress to limit class-action damages for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and to give credit agencies more latitude in profiting from identity theft protection products.

The legislation is part of sweeping efforts by Republican lawmakers to reduce oversight of banks and other financial-services firms, and to cripple or eliminate the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](http://www.latimes.com/topic/business/u.s.-consumer-financial-protection-bureau-ORGOV00000233-topic.html), which has notched a successful track record of holding industry players accountable for unfair and illegal practices.

Democrats, for their part, introduced a bill Friday — the Freedom from Equifax Exploitation Act — that would require credit agencies to allow people to freeze and unfreeze their files at no cost, and that calls upon the CFPB to play a greater role in overseeing the companies.

Consumer advocates say the Equifax breach should serve as a wake-up call for Americans that the three leading credit agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — are focused primarily on earning cash from people’s personal information, not keeping such information under lock and key.

“Consumers are not customers of these companies — they’re commodities,” said Chi Chi Wu, a staff attorney with the National Consumer Law Center. “We have no say over what they do with our data.”

 consumers might not be able to sue because of an arbitration clause in Equifax’s terms of service.

## The top Democrat in the U.S. Senate on Thursday called on Equifax officials to testify before the chamber and for the company's leadership to resign if they do not enact sweeping changes following a massive data breach disclosed last week.

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