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February 4, 2014

Mr. Bruce W. White
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
White Lodging Services Corporation
701 E. 83rd Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Mr. White:

We are writing to request a briefing from your company's information-security officials about White Lodging's data breach of customer credit-card and debit-card information. Fraudulent activity linked to payment cards that were used at White Lodging-managed hotels was first reported on January 31, 2014. On February 3, 2014, your company said the breach affected credit and debit cards that were used between March 20, 2013, and December 16, 2013, at 14 White Lodging properties.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has jurisdiction over commercial data practices and data security, and, as Chairman of the full Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, we have been advocates for data security and breach notification legislation that would better protect consumers and improve corporate responsibility. The recent data security incidents that have affected major corporations, including White Lodging, demonstrate the need for such federal legislation.

We ask that White Lodging's information-security officials provide a briefing to Committee staff regarding your company's investigation and latest findings on the circumstances that permitted unauthorized access to consumers' financial information over the span of nine months. It has been a week since the data breach was reported, and we expect that your security experts have had time to examine the cause and impact of the breach and will be able to provide the Committee with detailed information.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Christian Tamotsu Fjeld on the Committee staff at (202) 224-1270.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
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