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February 4, 2014

Mr. Carl S. Rubin
Chief Executive Officer
Michaels Stores, Inc.
8000 Bent Branch Dr.
Irving, TX 75063

Dear Mr. Rubin:

We are writing to request a briefing from your company's information-security officials about a possible data breach of your customers' credit-card information. On January 25, 2014, Michaels Stores confirmed that it was investigating a potential data breach after reports of fraudulent purchases on credit cards that had been used at your stores.

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 possible attack at Michaels Stores, in addition to recent data breaches at other retailers, demonstrates the need for such federal legislation.

We ask that Michaels Stores' information-security officials provide a briefing to Committee staff regarding your company's investigation and latest findings on the circumstances that may have permitted unauthorized access to consumers' financial information. It has been nearly two weeks since the possible data breach was announced, and we expect that your security experts have had time to examine the cause and impact of the possible 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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Transportation

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