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September 11, 2014

Mr. Francis S. Blake
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Home Depot, Inc.
2455 Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Dear Mr. Blake:

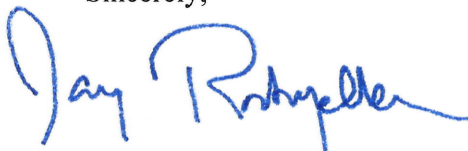
We are writing to request a briefing from Home Depot's information-security officials about the possible security breach at your company involving credit and debit card account information. According to the security blogger, Brian Krebs, "multiple banks" have reported that a "massive new batch of stolen credit and debit cards" on sale in the black market could have originated from Home Depot.

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 Home Depot, demonstrate the need for such federal legislation.

We have previously requested and received briefings from other breached entities in the recent past. In this regard, we ask that Home Depot's 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 sensitive customer information.

It has been a week since Home Depot announced its investigation into this now-confirmed breach, and we expect that your security experts have had time to examine the cause and impact of the attack and breach and will be able to provide the Committee with detailed information. 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,



John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman
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and Transportation

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