

<u>Attorney General Doug Peterson</u> <u>News Release</u>

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Nebraska consumers may seek compensation from \$586M Western Union fund for victims of fraud

Nebraskans who were deceived into sending payments to scammers using Western Union's wire transfer service may now apply for compensation from a \$586 million dollar fund administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Victim Asset Recovery Program. This fund is related to a multi-state <u>settlement</u> with Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson and 49 other states, the District of Columbia, and Western Union that was first announced in January 2017. Nebraskans may be eligible to receive compensation if they were a victim of a fraud-induced transfer using Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017.

Nebraskans who reported to Western Union or to the Nebraska Attorney General's Office that they had been the victim of a scam using Western Union may receive a claim form in the mail. The claim form will be sent from the settlement administrator in the next two weeks. The form will contain instructions explaining how consumers may file their claim to receive compensation. If you do not receive a claim form in the mail but believe you may have an eligible claim, please visit http://www.westernunionremission.com or call (844) 319-2124 for more information on how to file a claim. All completed claims forms must be mailed back to the settlement administrator by February 12, 2018.

To obtain information about how to protect yourself as a consumer, file a consumer complaint, or report a scam, please visit the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division website at www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov or call (800) 727-6432.

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