



# Attorney General Doug Peterson

# News Release

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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL PETERSON REACHES \$148 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH UBER OVER DATA BREACH**

Attorney General Peterson announced that he, along with the other 49 states and the District of Columbia, has reached an agreement with California-based ride-sharing company Uber Technologies, Inc. (Uber) to address the company's one-year delay in reporting a data breach to its affected drivers.

Uber learned in November 2016 that hackers had gained access to some personal information that Uber maintains about its drivers, including drivers' license information pertaining to approximately 600,000 drivers nationwide. Uber tracked down the hackers and obtained assurances that the hackers deleted the information. However, even though some of that information, namely drivers' license numbers for Uber drivers, triggered Nebraska law requiring them to notify affected Nebraska residents, Uber failed to report the breach in a timely manner, waiting until November 2017 to report it.

Attorney General Peterson said, "For data breaches affecting Nebraska residents, notification by the business whose systems have been breached must be made to the Attorney General and affected Nebraskans as soon as possible and without unreasonable delay. Today's announcement illustrates that the repercussions for failing to do so will be both swift and severe."

As part of the nationwide settlement, Uber has agreed to pay \$148 million to the states. Nebraska will receive nearly \$700,000.00. In addition, Uber has agreed to strengthen its corporate governance and data security practices to help prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

The settlement between Nebraska and Uber requires the company to:

- Comply with Nebraska's data breach and consumer protection law regarding protecting Nebraska residents' personal information and notifying them in the event of a data breach concerning their personal information;

- Take precautions to protect any user data Uber stores on third-party platforms outside of Uber;
- Use strong password policies for its employees to gain access to the Uber network;
- Develop and implement a strong overall data security policy for all data that Uber collects about its users, including assessing potential risks to the security of the data and implementing any additional security measures beyond what Uber is doing to protect the data;
- Hire an outside qualified party to assess Uber's data security efforts on a regular basis and draft a report with any recommended security improvements. Uber will implement any such security improvement recommendations; and
- Develop and implement a corporate integrity program to ensure that Uber employees can bring any ethics concerns they have about any other Uber employees to the company, and that it will be heard.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia are participating in this multistate agreement with Uber.

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](http://www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov) or call (800) 727-6432.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

<b>STATE OF NEBRASKA, ex rel.</b>	)	
Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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vs.	)	CI 18-____
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<b>UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</b>	)	
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Defendant.	)	

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**FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENT**

NOW, this matter is before the Court on the Parties' Agreement to Entry of Final Consent Judgment ("Agreement"). The Parties, as defined in the Agreement, are Plaintiff, the State of Nebraska, ex rel. Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General, and Defendant Uber Technologies, Inc. ("Uber"). The Plaintiff is represented by Assistant Attorney General Daniel J. Birdsall. Uber is represented by Britanie Hall.

The Court has reviewed the Agreement and concludes good cause has been shown to enter this Final Consent Judgment approving the Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601 et seq., the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 87-301 et seq., and the Financial Data Protection and Consumer Notification of Data Security Breach Act of 2006, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 87-801 et seq., Uber shall be enjoined, restrained, and bound from directly or indirectly engaging in the prohibited practices set forth in the Agreement, and, further, required to

directly or indirectly satisfy the affirmative requirements set forth in said Agreement. Furthermore, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Uber agrees to pay within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date as defined in the Agreement (or within 14 days of entry of judgment, ~~whichever is later~~), ~~One Hundred Forty-Eight Million Dollars (\$148,000,000) to the Attorneys~~ General, to be distributed as agreed by the Attorneys General. The State of Nebraska's portion of the payment to the states is Six Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$696,437.19). Of that payment, Six Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$682,224.18) shall be placed in the State Settlement Cash Fund, and the remaining Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and One Cent (\$14,213.01) shall be placed in the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute Endowment Fund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Agreement, executed as of September \_\_\_\_, 2018, by and between the State of Nebraska, ex rel. Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General, and Uber Technologies Inc. is hereby approved.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

BY THE COURT:


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Lancaster County District Court Judge

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