



# Attorney General Doug Peterson

# News Release

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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL PETERSON ANNOUNCES DATA BREACH SETTLEMENT WITH THE HOME DEPOT**

LINCOLN – Attorney General Doug Peterson today announced that his office, along with the Attorneys General of 45 other States and the District of Columbia, have obtained a \$17.5 million-dollar settlement with The Home Depot, resolving a multistate investigation into a 2014 data breach impacting approximately 40 million Home Depot consumers nationwide.

The breach occurred when hackers gained access to The Home Depot’s network and deployed malware on The Home Depot’s self-checkout point-of-sale system. The malware allowed the hackers to obtain the payment card information of customers who used self-checkout lanes at The Home Depot stores throughout the U.S. between April 10, 2014, and September 13, 2014.

In order to resolve the states’ investigation, The Home Depot has agreed to implement and maintain a series of data security practices designed to strengthen its information security program and safeguard the personal information of consumers.

The State of Nebraska will collect \$119,450 through this settlement.

Joining Attorney General Peterson in this settlement are the attorneys general of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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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