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Fraudulent Ohio 1099 Unemployment Benefit Reporting & Identity Theft

There is a widespread problem in Ohio and nationwide with fraudulent unemployment claims being filed against many employers. Many employees are also beginning to receive 1099-G's from the IRS reporting unemployment they never received.

The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services is offering assistance to individuals and employers who have been affected.

On February 2nd, ODJFS launched an online portal for reporting identity theft on behalf of multiple employees. Employers impacted can visit unemployment.ohio.gov and click on the "Report Identity Theft" button. They will then be directed to both the portal and additional resources. The portal includes a template that employers can download, complete and upload the names of multiple employees whose personal information may have been compromised.

Numerous employers were alerted to the issue when receiving a "request for separation information" from ODJFS regarding an individual who is currently employed. This portal provides a secure way to expedite the fraudulent reporting of this information to the agency.

Please let us know if you need any further assistances with filing these claims.

Sincerely,

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