

**Statement of Commissioner Edith Ramirez**

account numbers—which is stored on Ceridian’s network. The FTC’s complaint charged that Ceridian did not maintain reasonable safeguards to protect this employee information; as a result, a hacker was able to gain access to it. The FTC’s order requires Ceridian to implement a comprehensive data security program and obtain independent audits for 20 years.

The Commission also promotes better data security through consumer and business education. For example, on the consumer education front, we sponsor OnGuard Online, a website to educate consumers about basic computer security. Since its launch in 2005, there have been over 14 million unique visits to OnGuard Online and its Spanish-language counterpart Alerta en Línea. We also conduct outreach to businesses, especially small businesses, to provide practical advice about data security.

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prompt notification to consumers in appropriate circumstances can mitigate harm, such as identity theft. For example, in the case of a breach of Soci