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The Novelist Portent



**S.C. SAYS SCREW PRIVACY!
4.6 MILLION PLUS IDENTITIES PLUCKED
LIKE CANDY**

On Dec. 31 South Carolina began a new state law called the Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act, allowing us "consumers" to place security freezes on credit free of charge.

This of course came after the state betrayed every tax payer that ever filed from 1998--to present! And today was the deadline for "consumers" to claim security through Experian, Equifax, or Transunion.

Go to:

www.scconsumer.gov
www.equifax.com
www.protectmyid.com/scdor

Charles Ellison of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs informed the public that: "Credit information is still accumulated on consumer accounts, but no one can access that information without your permission," he claimed through the "the Independent-Mail" newspaper. "If you want to make a major purchase or establish credit the freeze can be 'thawed' temporarily. Credit agencies must grant access to your credit report within 15 minutes of that request. There is no charge to freeze or thaw credit reports, and freezing will not affect your credit rating in any way."

Hmmm. Imagine that.

Identity theft apparently was new to this state. But it's all good. Now that hackers basically got every identity of every working denizen of the past decade-and-a-half, we got protection now, the state says they're on it....

Letters were handed out by hand to inmates concerning all of this. From the SC Department of Revenue (SCDOR), informing them of the "compromised" data due to the "recent data security breach," and informing them to take advantage of the owed identity theft protection.

A bunch of bull really. I think if a citizen pays taxes the state requires by law that they pay, and are forced to provide personal information to hand over their money--then the government is morally required to protect that information. And if and when a "compromised" situation arises, then the government is then required to provide identity protection to each and every one of the 4.6 million victims of their negligence, automatically. No sign up. No deadline. They know the names taken, so just do it. Why try to wiggle out of it with a sign up deadline? I've signed up, so I'm good; But I'm just saying. The state should step up better for their people.