

# Before the Breach, Equifax Sought to Limit Exposure to Lawsuits

Before Equifax discovered a massive computer breach that exposed sensitive information about millions of Americans, the company lobbied Congress on legislation to limit how much it could be forced to pay if sued by consumers, reports [The Washington Post](#).

The company also pressed lawmakers to roll back the powers of its regulators, according to reporters [Renaë Merle](#) and [Hamza Shaban](#).

“Since at least 2015, the credit reporting agency has repeatedly lobbied lawmakers on issues related to ‘data security and breach notification,’ according to federal disclosure forms,” the *Post* reports.

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