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Mr. Greg Blatt Chief Executive Officer Match Group, LLC 8750 North Central Expressway, Suite 1400 Dallas, TX 75231

Dear Mr. Blatt:

I write to ask that you immediately secure the Tinder online dating app to protect the private data of your customers.

According to recent media reports, security researchers discovered that the Tinder app fails to encrypt photographs that are downloaded by the app from your company's servers. As a result, hackers sharing Wi-Fi networks—such as those at coffee shops, universities, or libraries—with Tinder users have access to the intimate details of those users' Tinder experiences, including who they like, dislike, and with whom they have matched.

These security oversights leave Americans vulnerable to snooping in their most intimate activities. Tinder can easily enhance privacy to its users by encrypting all data transmitted between its app and servers, and padding sensitive transactions to thwart snooping. These common-sense security fixes would provide Tinder users with the level of security and privacy they expect from a service that holds some of their most private information. Tinder's website already implements HTTPS encryption: its app should utilize the same standards of security.

Americans expect their personal information to remain private online. To that end, I urge Tinder to address these serious security lapses, and by doing so, to swipe right on user privacy and security.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden

United States Senator