CREDIT DISPUTE LETTER

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[Full name]

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[Credit report number]

[Identifying information requested by company, typically including:

- Date of birth
- Address
- Telephone number]

[Return address if different from your registered address on your credit report] [Optional: Social Security number or driver's license number]

[Address of the credit bureau—one of the following:

Equifax Information Services, LLC, P.O. Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30374 Experian, P.O. Box 4500, Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion Consumer Solutions, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016]

[Date]

Re: Disputing error(s) on my credit report

Dear [Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion],

I am writing to request the investigation and correction of the following information that appears on my **[name of credit bureau: Equifax/Experian/TransUnion]** credit report. The credit report number is **[credit report number]**.

I wish to file the following disputes:

Dispute 1

I wish to dispute incorrectly reported personal information.

[Thoroughly describe the errors that you want corrected, e.g., incorrect name/address/date of birth]

Dispute 2

I also wish to dispute information relating to account number [account number]. The name and address for the account are as follows: [write the account holder name(s) and address(es)]. The [date opened/date of last activity/date of status/other relevant date] of the account is [write the date(s)].

The problem with this account is as follows.

[Provide an explanation of the disputed item(s) and corrections required]

Dispute [number]

[Explain any further disputes you wish to file, if applicable]

As additional documentation to support my claim, I have enclosed [describe any additional documentation that you are providing].

Please find attached a copy of my credit report with the accounts in question highlighted.

I thank you for your assistance and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

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This item may be damaging your credit score and making it difficult for you to access a loan or credit card. Learn <u>how to improve your credit score</u> to regain access to credit.

If debt collectors are causing you hardship, learn more about your legal rights under <u>the Fair Debt</u> <u>Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)</u>.

For more information on how to deal with debt collectors or handle negative items on your credit report, read these articles:

- How to Dispute an Item on Your Credit Report
- How to Pay a Debt in Collections