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<u>What We Are Doing</u>: Upon discovery, we immediately engaged third-party forensic specialists to investigate this matter. Out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to activate, at no cost to you, an online credit monitoring service for <<12/24 months>> months provided by IDX. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you directly. Additional information regarding how to activate the complimentary credit monitoring service is enclosed. We have also provided additional information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

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If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop, and reverse the damage quickly.

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Experian	Equifax
1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
Experian Fraud Alert	Equifax Fraud Alert
	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, 1X /5013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
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# **EXHIBIT B**

CIPRIANI & WERNER

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

450 Sentry Parkway, Suite 200 Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422

Telephone: (610) 567-0700 Fax: (610) 567-0712

March 13, 2024

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Via U.S. Mail Equifax PO Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348

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By:

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Experian	Equifax
1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
Experian Fraud Alert	Equifax Fraud Alert
	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, 1X /5013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
<b>Experian Credit Freeze</b>	Equifax Credit Freeze
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
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March 13, 2024

# <<Notice of Data Breach>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

We are writing to inform you of a cyber security event experienced by WERCS d/b/a Wyoming Financial Group ("WERCS") that may have involved your information described below. While we have no evidence of attempted or actual misuse of any information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

**What Happened:** On December 13, 2023, we discovered we were victimized by a sophisticated ransomware attack. Upon discovery, we immediately began working with our I.T. team and third-party forensic specialists to investigate the full nature and scope of the incident. We also reported this incident to federal law enforcement. On January 5, 2024, we discovered that certain employee data, kept in the normal course of business, may have been subject to unauthorized access. We then immediately began a thorough review of the impacted files to identify what type of information may have been contained therein, and to whom that information belonged. While our investigation and review of impacted files remains ongoing, we are providing you with notification now in an abundance of caution as we value the security of our employees' information.

<u>What Information Was Involved</u>: While our investigation into the full nature and scope of this incident remains ongoing, the information believed to be at risk may include your first and last name, in combination with your <<<Variable Text 1>>.

<u>What We Are Doing</u>: Upon discovery, we immediately engaged third-party forensic specialists to investigate this matter. Out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to activate, at no cost to you, an online credit monitoring service for <<12/24 months>> provided by IDX. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you directly. Additional information regarding how to activate the complimentary credit monitoring service is enclosed. We have also provided additional information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

**What You Can Do:** We recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements and credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact your financial institution or company. Additionally, you can enroll to receive the complimentary credit monitoring services we are making available to you. You can also review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" for additional resources.

**For More Information:** Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-888-584-9519, 7 am to 7 pm Mountain Time, Monday through Friday. You may also write to us at 1712 Pioneer Ave. Suite 500 Cheyenne, WY 82001.

We take the privacy and security of the information in our care seriously, and sincerely regret any worry or inconvenience this incident may cause you and your family.

Sincerely,

Kyle A. Ridgeway

Kyle Ridgeway Chief Operating Officer

# STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

### **Enroll in Credit Monitoring / Identity Protection**

**1. Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image or go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is June 13, 2024.

**2.** Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-888-584-9519 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

**3.** Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop, and reverse the damage quickly.

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