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September 14, 2023

# Subject: Notice of Data <<Variable Text 1>>

Dear <<<FIRST NAME>> <<<LAST NAME>>:

The Mather Group LLC ("TMG") takes the privacy and security of all client information within our possession seriously, which is why we are writing to inform you of a data security incident that involved your personal information and to offer complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services.

What Happened: On June 21, 2023, TMG discovered malware in a limited portion of its network. We quickly took steps to secure our digital environment and launched an internal investigation. We also engaged leading, independent cybersecurity experts to investigate and identify any information that may have been impacted. Through the course of the investigation, TMG learned that certain files and stored data may have been accessed or acquired without authorization during the incident. On August 10, 2023, we determined that your personal information may have been impacted.

What Information Was Involved: The affected information includes your name and <<Variable 2: Impacted Data Elements>>.

What You Can Do: Please read the recommendations enclosed with this letter and be sure to check your account statements for any concerning activity. Although we have not seen any suspicious transactions arising from this incident, we are offering 24 months of complimentary credit and identity monitoring services through IDX, and we encourage you to enroll. You can do so by visiting the link above and inserting the noted code. The deadline to enroll in these services is December 14, 2023.

**For More Information:** As always, please feel free to reach out directly to your financial advisor with any questions. If you need assistance with enrolling in the services offered, please call 1-888-922-6462 between 8 am to 8 pm CST, Monday through Friday. Please have your enrollment code ready.

Protecting your information is of the utmost importance to us. Please know that we take this incident very seriously and regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey L. Pierce, CEO The Mather Group LLC 353 N Clark St #2775 Chicago, IL 60654

## Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information

**Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity:** As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

**Copy of Credit Report:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <u>http://www.annualcreditreport.com/</u>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-888-378-4329	1-800-831-5614	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Fraud Alert:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

**Security Freeze:** You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

#### **Federal Trade Commission**

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 <u>consumer.ftc.gov</u> 1-877-438-4338

North Carolina Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 <u>ncdoj.gov</u> 1-877-566-7226

### Maryland Attorney General St. Paul Plaza 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 marylandattorneygeneral.gov 1-888-743-0023

Rhode Island Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 <u>http://www.riag.ri.gov</u> <u>riag.ri.gov</u> 1-401-274-4400

#### **New York Attorney General**

Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 <u>ag.ny.gov</u> 1-212-416-8433 / 1-800-771-7755

Washington D.C. Attorney General 400 S 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 <u>oag.dc.gov</u> 1-202-727-3400 **You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)**: These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf.