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#### Re: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

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

As part of our mission of enhancing the businesses and personal lives of our clients, Citrin Cooperman Advisors LLC takes confidentiality most seriously. We are writing to notify you of a recent event that may involve some of your personal information, as well as our response to the event and steps you can take to protect that information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

#### What Happened?

On or about November 7, 2023, Citrin Cooperman Advisors LLC ("Citrin Cooperman Advisors" or "the Company") became aware of potential unauthorized access to certain systems within our information technology network. Upon becoming aware of the incident, the Company commenced an investigation with the assistance of third-party specialists, notified certain law enforcement and governmental authorities, and began taking measures to assess and contain the incident.

Unfortunately, the investigation has determined that the incident was a cyberattack, with an unauthorized third party transferring certain data from Citrin Cooperman Advisors' systems. At this time, there is no indication that the incident impacted Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP, a licensed independent CPA firm.

As part of the continuing review of the nature and scope of the affected data, some of your personal information was recently identified as data that may have been impacted. It is important to note that we are monitoring the dark web for any indication of misuse of impacted data in connection with this incident, and to date, we have not identified any such misuse.

#### What Information Was Involved?

Though the investigation is ongoing and the nature and scope of the affected data is still under review, we have reason to believe that the exfiltrated data may include, without limitation, your name and information typically found within tax files, such as social security number, financial account numbers and other information.

## What We Are Doing

Upon learning of the incident, we promptly launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the incident and notified law enforcement. We want to assure you that we are taking all the steps within our control to address this incident and taking appropriate measures to further secure our systems.

To help address concerns you may have about this incident, we have arranged access to credit monitoring, web monitoring, and identity theft restoration services at no cost to you for two years. Additional information describing these services is included on page three of this letter. To activate these services, please take the following steps:

Visit https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until <<br/>b2b text 6 (activation date)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Please reference Membership Number: << Membership Number s\_n>>

"Citrin Cooperman" is the brand under which Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP, a licensed independent CPA firm, and Citrin Cooperman Advisors LLC serve clients' business needs. The two firms operate as separate legal entities in an alternative practice structure. Citrin Cooperman is an independent member of Moore North America, which is itself a regional member of Moore Global Network Limited (MGNL).

#### What You Can Do

Though at this time we have no indication of fraud or misuse of your personal information as a result of this incident, it is always advisable to review and monitor your account(s) for suspicious activity. Further steps you can take can be found on the "Additional Ways to Protect Your Identity" document we have included on the following pages.

## **For More Information**

We regret any inconvenience or concern this situation may cause; if you have questions, please feel free to call <<Toll Free Number>>, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). Sincerely,

CITRIN COOPERMAN ADVISORS LLC

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

#### **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring**

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

#### Web Watcher

Web Watcher monitors internet sites where criminals may buy, sell, and trade personal identity information. An alert will be generated if evidence of your personal identity information is found.

#### \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

#### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

### **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

#### Additional Ways to Protect Your Identity: Important Identity Theft Information

You may wish to take additional steps to protect your identity. Here are some you may consider:

## **Reviewing Your Accounts and Credit Reports**

Regulators recommend that you be especially vigilant for the next 12 to 24 months. As part of staying vigilant, you should regularly review your account statements, and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the three national credit reporting companies. Those companies are:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
Equifax.com	Experian.com	Transunion.com

You can obtain your credit report from each of those companies for free once every 12 months. Free reports are available online at www.annualcreditreport.com. You may also obtain a free report by calling toll free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. If you do not have any free credit reports left, you can still purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three credit reporting companies listed above.

#### **Placing a Fraud Alert**

A fraud alert tells lenders that they should verify your identification before they extend credit in your name. Each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies can place a fraud alert on your credit report.

If you wish to place a fraud alert, contact any one of the three credit reporting companies listed above. As soon as one company confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts as well.

#### Requesting a Security Freeze on Your Credit Report

A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from your credit report without written authorization. Placing, lifting, or removing a security freeze is free of charge.

If you wish to place a security freeze on your credit report, you must do so separately at each credit reporting company. The credit reporting companies do not notify each other about security freezes.

Please be aware that while a security freeze is in effect, it may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any request you make for new credit, loans, mortgages, employment, housing or other services that require a credit check. If you want to allow a credit check for those or other purposes, you will have to lift the security freeze by contacting each credit reporting company. Each credit reporting agency will provide you a PIN number or a password when you place a security freeze. You will need that PIN or password to lift the freeze, and should be careful to record it somewhere secure.

## Suggestions if You Are a Victim of Identity Theft

If you find suspicious activity on your accounts or credit reports, or have other reason to believe your information is being misused, you should take the following steps:

File a Police Report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of a crime.

Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC provides useful information to identity theft victims and maintains a database of identity theft cases for use by law enforcement agencies. If you file an identity theft complaint with the FTC, your case will be added to that database. You can find more information and file a complaint online at www.IdentityTheft.gov. You can also file a complaint by calling the FTC's toll-free Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You may also wish to obtain a copy of *Identity Theft: A Recovery Plan*, a guide from the FTC to help you guard against and deal with identity theft. It is available online at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009\_identitytheft\_a\_recovery\_plan.pdf.

Exercise Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). You have certain legal rights under the FCRA. These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have credit reporting companies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. You can find more information about your rights under the FCRA online at www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf. The laws of your state may provide you with additional rights. Your state's attorney general or consumer protection department may be able to give you more information about your rights under state law.

Keep a record of your contacts. Start a file with copies of your credit reports, police reports, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. Keep a log of your conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, credit reporting companies, and other relevant parties.

## Special Information for Residents of the District of Columbia, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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<u>Maryland residents</u> can learn more about preventing identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their web site at https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/, calling the Identity Theft Unit at 1.410.567.6491, or requesting more information at the Identity Theft Unit, 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

<u>Massachusetts residents</u> are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. There is no charge to place a security freeze on your account; however, you may be required to provide the credit reporting agency with certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to its honoring your request.

<u>New Mexico residents</u> are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above and you have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act as described above.

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<u>Vermont residents</u> may learn helpful information about fighting identity theft, placing a security freeze, and obtaining a free copy of your credit report on the Vermont Attorney General's website at http://www.atg.state.vt.us

## SAMPLE LETTER: CLIENT – INDIVIDUAL (GROUP OR FAMILY)



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If you are an adult enrolling on behalf of a minor child, please give us a call at << Toll Free Number>> and we will update the identity monitoring services for your minor child.

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Exercise Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). You have certain legal rights under the FCRA. These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have credit reporting companies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. You can find more information about your rights under the FCRA online at www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096- fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf. The laws of your state may provide you with additional rights. Your state's attorney general or consumer protection department may be able to give you more information about your rights under state law.

Keep a record of your contacts. Start a file with copies of your credit reports, police reports, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. Keep a log of your conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, credit reporting companies, and other relevant parties.

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