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Notice of Security Incident

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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by Neil D. DiLorenzo CPA, P.C. that may have resulted in the exposure of your personal information, including your name, Social Security number, and tax information. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information, and resources we are making available to help you.

1. What happened and what information was involved:

On February 13, 2018 we were alerted that several clients had received notice of potentially fraudulent activity related to their accounts with the IRS. For some clients, these fraudulently filed returns resulted in a deposit being made to the client's account previously used to accept tax refunds. We immediately initiated an investigation to determine if our systems had been compromised. Our investigation determined that on January 13, 2018, an unauthorized third party had accessed a computer system that contained files related to tax returns and may have contained your name, address, Social Security number, wage information and bank account information if you provided it to us. We immediately secured this computer system and ensured that all other computer systems were not vulnerable to the same compromise.

2. What we are doing and what you can do:

We sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience this may cause you. Because we value you and the security of your personal information, we have arranged for you to receive identity monitoring services from ID Experts at no cost to you for one year. ID Experts is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of their confidential data. We recommend you respond promptly to any indications of identity theft, and utilize ID Experts services.

You may enroll in the free credit monitoring and insurance services by using the enrollment code **<<Code>>>** and going to <u>www.idexpertscorp.com/protect</u> or calling 800-939-4170. MyIDCare experts are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 8 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll in credit monitoring and insurance services is June 9, 2018.

More information about protecting your identity is included in this letter, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

If you received a fraudulent deposit from the IRS into your bank account as a result of this incident, the IRS has recommended the following:

- 1. Do not spend this money, as it must be returned to the IRS.
- 2. Contact your bank's fraud department and let them know that the money was deposited as a result of a fraudulent tax filing, and that the deposit should be reversed as soon as possible.
- 3. Do not return the money by check. The most reliable way for the money to be returned and credited to you is to instruct your bank to reverse the deposit.
- 4. If you have any issues with your bank, or have received a paper check, please contact ID Experts at the number above.

Additionally, if you know or suspect you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends the following steps:

- Respond immediately to any IRS written notice; call the number provided or, if instructed, go to IDVerify.irs.gov.
- Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. Use a fillable form at IRS.gov, print, then attach the form to your return and mail according to instructions. This form will be completed by us on your behalf and filed with your 2017 tax filings. If you plan on filing an extension, please contact us for more information.
- Continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.

If you previously contacted the IRS and did not have a resolution, contact the IRS for specialized assistance at 1-800-908-4490. The IRS has teams available to assist. You may also visit https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection for more information.

We want to assure you that we are taking steps to prevent this kind of event from happening in the future. Since the incident, we have reset all passwords and are implementing new hardware and software security measures designed to secure client data in our possession.

3. For more information:

If you have any questions or concerns, <u>please call 800-939-4170 Monday through Friday from 9 am - 8 pm Eastern Time.</u> Your trust is a top priority for us, and we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,

Theil D. Di Longo CPA, P.C.

Neil D. DiLorenzo, CPA, P.C. Owner

U.S. State Notification Requirements

For residents of *Hawaii*, *Michigan*, *Missouri*, *Virginia*, *Vermont*, and *North Carolina*: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion		
P.O. Box 105139	P.O. Box 2002	P.O. Box 6790		
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Fullerton, CA 92834		
1-800-685-1111	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800		
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com		
You may also obtain a free copy of your credit report online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> , by calling toll-free 1-877-				
322-8228 or by mailing an Appual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.appualcreditreport.com) to: Appual				

322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of Iowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Illinois, North Carolina, and Rhode Island:

You can obtain information from the Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island Offices of the Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Attorney General	North Carolina Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General	Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response
Consumer Protection	Consumer Protection Div.	Consumer Protection Div.	Center
Div.	9001 Mail Service Center	150 South Main Street	600 Pennsylvania
200 St. Paul Place	Raleigh, NC 27699-9001	Providence, RI 02903	Avenue, NW
Baltimore, MD 21202	1-877-566-7226	(401) 274-4400	Washington, DC 20580
1-888-743-0023	www.ncdoj.com	www.riag.ri.gov	1-877-IDTHEFT (438-
www.oag.state.md.us	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		4338)
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For residents of Massachusetts:

It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity. **Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to send a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. The consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of up to \$5.00 to place a freeze or lift or remove a freeze, but is free if you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 www.equifax.com Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://www.experian.com/freeze **TransUnion (FVAD)** P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 www.transunion.com

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.