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#### Dear Sample A Sample:

E. A. Renfroe & Company, Inc. ("RENFROE") places the utmost importance on the privacy and security of the personal information we maintain, and we take our responsibilities very seriously. I am writing with important information regarding a recent data security incident that may have involved some of your personal information which you or a RENFROE employee or applicant provided to RENFROE. I want to provide you with information about the incident and assure you that we continue to take proactive measures to protect your information.

#### What Happened

An unauthorized party obtained access to the RENFROE email accounts of five (5) RENFROE employees between September 3, 2020, and September 5, 2020.

#### What We Did

As soon as we learned of this issue, we secured the accounts and conducted an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review. As part of our investigation, we engaged and worked very closely with external cybersecurity professionals.

#### What Information Was Involved

On January 27, 2021, we discovered that one of the impacted accounts contained some of your personal information, specifically your [DATA\_ELEMENTS]. We have no evidence that any of your information was actually viewed or has been misused. Out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident.

To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 1B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 1B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 1B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information attached to this letter.



Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and follow the recommended precautions to enhance our security. We remain fully committed to maintaining the privacy of all personal information in our possession.

If you have further questions regarding this incident, please call between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, or between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Central Standard Time, Saturday and Sunday. Representatives will be available at this number for 90 days following the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



E. A. Renfroe & Company, Inc.

#### **Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Month Credit Monitoring**

## Activate IdentityWorks Credit 1B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: May 31, 2021 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/credit
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (877) 769-5558. Be prepared to provide engagement number **DB25231** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 1B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 1B.

You can contact Experian immediately without needing to enroll in the product regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your membership today at <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/credit">https://www.experianidworks.com/credit</a> or call (877) 769-5558 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report, or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at (877) 769-5558.

- \* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.
- \*\* Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions, and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.



#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

## 1. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

You may place an initial 1-year "fraud alert" on your credit files at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com
1-800-525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion	LLC
P.O. Box 20	00
Chester, PA	19016
www.transur	nion.com
1-800-680-7	289

## 2. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file *at no charge*. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by sending a request in writing or by mail to all three nationwide credit reporting companies. To find out more about how to place a security freeze, you can use the following contact information:

<b>Equifax Security Freeze</b>
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
https://www.freeze.equifax.com
1-800-685-1111

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze 1-888-397-3742

**Experian Security Freeze** 

TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze">http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze</a>
1-888-909-8872

To place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit monitoring company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

## 3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify that all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

#### 4. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or you have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you from the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

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If your personal information has been used to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

**New York Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <a href="mailto:ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft">ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft</a>; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

**Iowa Residents:** You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, <a href="https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov">www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov</a>, Telephone: (515) 281-5164

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov">www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Department of Justice, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 877-566-7226.

**Oregon Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us, Telephone: 877-877-9392

Massachusetts Residents: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

In Addition, New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report



or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- 3.Information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You may contact these agencies using the contact information provided above.

## 5. Protecting Your Medical Information.

If this letter indicates that your medical information was impacted you can take the following steps to protect it. While we have no evidence that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes, the following practices can provide additional safeguards to protect against medical identity theft.

- Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who
  are covered under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.
- Review your "explanation of benefits statement" which you receive from your health insurance
  company. Follow up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize.
  If necessary, contact the care provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of
  medical records from the date of the potential access (noted above) to current date.
- Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary. Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.