

P.O. Box 1907 Suwanee, GA 30024 To Enroll, Please Call: 1-833-909-3935 Or Visit: <u>https://app.idx.us/account-</u> <u>creation/protect</u> Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXX>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

September 3, 2021

<<Variable Data 3 (Re: Line)>>

Dear <</First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Postlethwaite & Netterville APAC ("P&N"), an accounting firm that works with <<Variable Data 2 (Client Name)>> is writing to inform you of a recent incident that may impact the privacy of some of your information. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you may take to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

**What Happened?** In late March, P&N detected suspicious activity on the dark web related to data provided to P&N by <<Variable Data 2 (Client Name)>>. P&N immediately commenced an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. P&N confirmed that it was impacted by the data security incident affecting Accellion, Inc. ("Accellion"). Accellion's application was used by P&N for third-party secure file transfers. While the investigation is ongoing, P&N has determined that a file containing information of individuals associated with <<Variable Data 2 (Client Name)>> was potentially taken and accessed by an unauthorized third party on January 21, 2021.

What Information Was Involved? The following types of information was potentially accessed and taken: your name, <<Variable Data 1 (PII)>>. To date, we have no indication that anyone's information has been subject to actual or attempted misuse in relation to this incident.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of information within our care very seriously. Upon discovery of this incident, we immediately launched an in-depth investigation to determine the full nature and scope of this incident and whether it related to any earlier vulnerabilities related to an Accellion file transfer appliance. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of information in our care, we migrated all data off of the vulnerable Accellion file transfer appliance and contacted law enforcement.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<12 months, 24 months>> of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the attached enrollment instructions.

What You Can Do. You can find out more about how to protect against potential identity theft and fraud in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*. There, you will also find detailed instructions for enrollment. Please note, you will need to reference the enrollment code at the top of this letter when calling or enrolling online, so please do not discard this letter.

**For More Information.** We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. Please call 1-833-909-3935 or go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> for assistance or for any additional questions you may have.

P&N sincerely regrets any inconvenience or concern this incident may have caused you.

Sincerely,

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Postlethwaite & Netterville APAC

(Enclosure)

## Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information

## **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**



We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services by calling 1-833-909-3935 or going to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and using the Enrollment Code provided at the top of this letter. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 6 am - 6 pm Pacific Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is December 3, 2021.

- 1. Website and Enrollment. 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.
- 2. 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.
- **3.** Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-833-909-3935 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

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.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. date of birth;
- 4. addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services	https://www.experian.com/help/	help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

## **Additional Information**

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.