

March 24, 2021

[NAME] [ADDRESS]

Dear [NAME]:

We are writing to inform you of a potential security incident involving certain employment personal information you provided to Ponderosa Advisors LLC. We are providing this notice as a precaution to inform potentially affected individuals about the incident and to call your attention to some steps you can take to help protect yourself. We sincerely regret any concern this may cause you.

## What Happened

We recently learned that of a security incident affecting our email system of Ponderosa Advisors LLC, who helps us manage HR Matters. We promptly retained outside forensic computer experts to assist with an investigation, which is still ongoing at this time. However, it appears that on or around December 7, 2020 an outside unauthorized individual was able to gain access to and potentially download the contents of certain mailboxes / emails. These emails may have contained certain personal information about a limited number of individuals. While we cannot confirm at this time whether any of your information was accessed by an unauthorized individual, out of abundance of caution we are notifying you about this incident now and providing steps that you can take to help protect the personal information included in the potentially-affected HR data.

#### What Information Was Involved

At this time, we believe the following types of personal information about you were stored in an affected email account: [INFO TYPES].

As noted, our investigation is still ongoing and it is possible that we may identify additional information that could have been affected by this incident included in HR data you have provided to us. If we do identify additional sensitive personal information, we will let you know. In the meantime, as a precaution we are providing the complimentary credit monitoring services and outlining some steps you can take to help protect your personal information, described below. Please note, at this time we are not aware of any fraud or misuse of your information as a result of this incident.

# What We Are Doing

We take the privacy of personal information seriously and deeply regret that this incident occurred. We took steps to address this incident promptly after it was discovered, including initiating an internal investigation and retaining an independent forensic computer investigation firm to assist us in our investigation and response. Additionally, we reset affected account passwords and implemented additional email security tools to help prevent this type of incident from reoccurring in the future.

To help protect your identity, we are offering one year of complimentary identity protection services from the three (3) leading identity monitoring services companies. These services help detect possible misuse of your personal information and provide you with superior identity protection support focused on



immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. For more information about these services and instructions on completing the enrollment process, please refer to the enrollment instructions included with this letter.

### What You Can Do

Although we are not aware of any misuse of any information arising out of this incident, we want to make you aware of steps that you can take as a precaution:

- Activating the Complimentary Identity Protection Services. As outlined above, we are offering one year of identity theft protection and credit monitoring services at no charge to you. For more information about these services and instructions on completing the enrollment process, please refer to the "Information about Identity Theft Protection" reference guide attached to this letter. Note that you must complete the enrollment process by May 31, 2021
- Checking Credit Reports and Financial Accounts. You can carefully check your credit reports for accounts you did not open or for inquiries from creditors you did not initiate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit agency immediately. If you find any suspicious activity on your credit reports, call your local police or sheriff's office, and file a police report for identity theft and get a copy of it. You may need to give copies of the police report to creditors to clear up your records. You can also review your financial account statements to determine if there are any discrepancies or unusual activity listed. If you see anything you do not understand, call the financial institution immediately.
- Reviewing Explanation of Benefits Documents. You can also review explanation of benefits statements that you receive from your health insurer or health plan or review for persons whose medical bills you assist with or pay (such as your child). If you identify services listed on the explanation of benefits that were not received, please immediately contact your insurer or health plan.
- Consulting the Identity Theft Protection Guide. Finally, please review the "Information about Identity Theft Protection" reference guide, included here, which describes additional steps that you may wish to take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on placing a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

#### **For More Information**

For more information about this incident, or if you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact me directly at [EMAIL]. Again, we sincerely regret any concern this incident may cause.

Sincerely,

Richard Kinsman **Chief Operating Officer** B3 Insight



#### **Information about Identity Theft Protection**

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian's® IdentityWorksSM for you and the family member(s) listed above. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by**: **May 31, 2021** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- Provide your activation code: [########]

Please note, each individual listed above will need to create their own account with Experian. 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 877.890.9332 by May 31, 2021. Be prepared to provide engagement number [######] as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- 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, Equifax and Transunion files 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.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at [customer service number]. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

Review Accounts and Credit Reports: You can regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com, 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. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed at the bottom of this page.



You should remain vigilant with respect to reviewing your account statements and credit reports, and you should promptly report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to the proper law enforcement authorities, including local law enforcement, your state's attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You may contact the FTC or your state's regulatory authority to obtain additional information about avoiding and protection against identity theft: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

Security Freezes and Fraud Alerts: You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security 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 security 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.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements. Please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information about placing a security freeze on your credit report.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-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 7 years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by contacting any of the three national credit reporting agencies at the addresses or toll-free numbers listed at the bottom of this page.

Additional Information: For more information, including information about additional rights, you can visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf,

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore/, or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

You can obtain more information about fraud alerts and credit freezes by contacting the FTC or one of the national credit reporting agencies listed below.

#### **National Credit Reporting Agencies Contact Information**

Equifax (www.equifax.com)

**General Contact:** P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 800-685-1111 Fraud Alerts:

P.O. Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30374

Credit Freezes:

P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian (www.experian.com)

**General Contact:** P.O. Box 2002 Allen, TX 75013 888-397-3742

**Fraud Alerts and Security** 

Freezes:

P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion

(www.transunion.com)

General Contact, Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes:

P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA

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