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Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear << Name 1>>:

Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C. writes to make you aware of a recent incident involving your personal information. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, this letter provides you with more information about what happened and what we are doing in response.

What Happened? In June 2020, we learned of unusual activity in the email, Dropbox and Microsoft Teams accounts of one of our employees. We immediately commenced an investigation, working with third-party IT and forensic investigators, to assess the nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that the employee's three accounts were potentially subject to unauthorized access on June 24, 2020. We note that we immediately reset relevant passwords on June 24, 2020. Therefore, we undertook a comprehensive review of the contents of the three accounts during the time period of potential unauthorized access to confirm the type of information contained in the account and to whom it related. This review was completed on October 25, 2020 and we determined that certain of your personal information was stored within one of the impacted accounts.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined that your first and last name, as well as your << Data Elements>>, were stored within the impacted accounts. To date, Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C. has <u>not</u> received any reports of actual or attempted misuse of your information.

What Are We Doing? We take the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to assess the security of the accounts, reset passwords, and to notify potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we are also reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures, including the deployment of multi-factor authentication for our accounts. We will also be reporting this incident to necessary state regulators. Additionally, while we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, in an abundance of caution, we are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so, and providing you with access to <<CM Length>> months of identity protection service through TransUnion at no cost to you.

What Can You Do? Please review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" for further details, which contain more information on the identity monitoring services we are offering and how to activate them.

For More Information. We recognize you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 855-940-5301 (toll free), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time (excluding U.S. national holidays). You may also write to Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C. at: 1924 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you. Protecting your information is important to us, and Troy A. Washko, CPA remains committed to safeguarding information in our care.

Sincerely,

FA. Wandas

Troy Washko, CPA President Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Complimentary << CM Length>>-Month myTrueIdentity Credit Monitoring Service

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, <u>at no cost to you</u>, in an online credit monitoring service (*my*TrueIdentity) for <<CM Length>> months provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion,® one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery

- To enroll in this service, go to the *my*TrueIdentity website at **www.MyTrueIdentity.com** and, in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code," enter the 12-letter Activation Code **<<Activation Code>>** and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based credit monitoring service, via U.S. mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode << Passcode>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and << Enrollment Deadline>>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the U.S. (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR << CM Length>>-MONTH COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE:

- Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain << CM Length>> months of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score.
- The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more.
- The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three (3) major credit bureaus listed below directly to request a free copy of your credit report. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

You have the 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. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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.);
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your 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 (7) years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian TransUnion **Equifax** P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 2000 P.Ô. Box 105069 Allen, TX 75013 Chester, PA 19016 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-888-397-3742 1-800-680-7289 1-888-766-0008 www.experian.com/fraud/center.html www.transunion.com/ www.equifax.com/personal/credit-reportfraud-alerts services

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 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 District of Columbia residents, the Office of the District of Columbia Attorney General can be contacted at 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; Phone (202) 727-3400; Fax: (202) 347-8922; TTY: (202) 727-3400; Email: oag@dc.gov; or you may visit the website of the Office of the District of Columbia Attorney General at https://oag.dc.gov/.

For Maryland residents, the Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; or www.oag.state.md.us.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf or by writing to Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov.

For North Carolina residents, the Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400; or www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; or 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There is approximately 1 Rhode Island resident impacted by this incident.



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Parent or Guardian of
</Name 1>>
</Name 2>>
</Address 1>>
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</City>></State>></Zip>>

<<Date>>

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear Parent or Guardian of << Name1>>:

Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C. writes to make you aware of a recent incident involving your minor child's personal information. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your minor child's information, this letter provides you with more information about what happened and what we are doing in response.

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What Are We Doing? We take the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to assess the security of the accounts, reset passwords, and to notify potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we are also reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures, including the deployment of multi-factor authentication for our accounts. We will also be reporting this incident to necessary state regulators. Additionally, while we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your minor child's information, in an abundance of caution, we are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to protect your minor child's information, should you feel it appropriate to do so, and providing you with access to <<CM Length>> months of child identity monitoring services through Equifax at no cost to you.

What Can You Do? Please review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Child's Information" for further details, which contain more information on the child identity monitoring services we are offering and how to activate them.

For More Information. We recognize you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 855-940-5301 (toll free), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time (excluding U.S. national holidays). You may also write to Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C. at: 1924 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702.

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Troy Washko, CPA President Troy A. Washko, CPA, P.C.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR MINOR CHILD'S INFORMATION

Enroll in Equifax Child Identity Monitoring

Visit http://myservices.equifax.com/efx1 brminor to activate and take advantage of Child Identity Monitoring.

You have until << Enrollment Deadline>> to activate Child Identity Monitoring for your child.

Your Activation Code is: << Activation Code>>

Equifax Child Identity Monitoring will scan the Equifax credit database for any instances of the minor's Social Security number and look for a copy of the minor's Equifax credit file.

- If no Social Security number match is found and no Equifax credit file exists, Equifax will create an Equifax credit file in the minor's name and immediately "lock" the Equifax credit file. This will prevent access to the minor's Equifax credit file in the future. If Equifax receives a request for your minor's Equifax credit report, you will receive an email alert.
- If there is a match and an Equifax credit file exists, Equifax will immediately "lock" the file and alert you to activity against the file, such as an attempt to open a new line of credit.
- The minor's Equifax credit file will be locked for <<CM Length>> months from date of activation. After that time, the minor's Equifax credit file will be deleted from our credit database if it contains no credit data.

To enroll your child in Equifax Child Identity Monitoring, please go to http://myservices.equifax.com/efx1_brminor and follow the instructions below:

- **1. Welcome Page:** Enter the Activation Code provided at the top of this page in the "Activation Code" box and click the "Submit" button.
- **2. Register:** Complete the form with <u>YOUR</u> contact information first (name, gender, home address, date of birth, Social Security Number and telephone number) and click the "Continue" button.
- **3. Create Account:** Complete the form with your email address, create a User Name and Password, after reviewing the Terms of Use, check the box to accept the Terms of Use and click the "Continue" button.
- **4. Verify ID:** The system will then ask you up to four security questions to verify your identity. Please answer the questions and click the "Submit Order" button.
- **5. Order Confirmation:** This page shows you your completed enrollment. Please click the "View My Product" button to access the product features.
- **6.** Click the orange "Enroll Child" button to enter your child's information (child's name, date of birth and Social Security number). *Note*: if you enter the child's Social Security number incorrectly, you will need to remove the minor by going to your Member Center and clicking on "My Account" to remove the minor from the account. You may then re-enroll the minor with the correct Social Security Number.
- 7. Check the box confirming you are the child's parent or guardian.
- **8. Click "Submit"** to enroll your child.

Monitor Accounts

Typically, a minor child under the age of eighteen (18) does not have credit in his or her name, and the consumer reporting agencies do not have a credit report in a minor child's name. To find out if your minor child has a credit report or to request a manual search for your minor child's Social Security number each credit bureau has its own process. To learn more about these processes or request these services, you may contact the credit bureaus by phone or in writing or you may visit the below websites:

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/formminorchild.
html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/credit-disputes/
child-identity-theft-inquiry-form

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
https://my.equifax.com/consumerregistration/UCSC/index.html

Under U.S. law individuals are entitled to one (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three (3) major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your minor child's credit report, should they have established credit. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report from one of the three (3) credit bureaus every four (4) months.

Adults and minors, sixteen (16) years or older, have the right to place a "security freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in the credit report without express authorization. A parent or guardian also has the right to place a "security freeze" on a minor's credit report if the child is under the age of sixteen (16). This right includes proactively placing a "security freeze" on a minor's credit report if the minor is under sixteen (16) years old. If the nationwide credit reporting agencies don't have a credit file on the minor, they will create one so they can freeze it. This record can't be used for credit purposes. It's there to make sure the child's record is frozen and protected against potential identity theft and fraud. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on a credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze on a credit file or proactively place a freeze on a minor's credit report, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
wy transunion com/cred

www.transunion.com/creditfreeze Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
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- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five (5) years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
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- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

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P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

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P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com/
fraud-alerts

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-766-0008
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-reportservices

To request information about the existence of a credit file in your minor's name, search for you minor's Social Security number, place a security freeze on your minor's credit file, place a fraud alert on your minor's credit report (if one exists), or request a copy of your minor's credit report you may be required to provide the following information:

- A copy of your driver's license or another government issued identification card, such as a state ID card, etc.;
- proof of your address, such as a copy of a bank statement, utility bill, insurance statement, etc.;
- a copy of your minor's birth certificate;
- a copy of your minor's Social Security card;
- your minor's full name, including middle initial and generation, such as JR, SR, II, III, etc.; and
- your minor's date of birth; and previous addresses for the past two years.

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); 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.

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