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July 17, 2024

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

We at Jim Ellis Auto Group take the privacy and security of personal information seriously. As part of that commitment, we are notifying you of an event that impacted our computer network. Please read this letter carefully.

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

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze Experian Security Freeze TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 160 Allen, TX 75013 Woodlyn, PA 19094 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-888-298-0045 1-888-397-3742 1-888-909-8872 https://www.equifax.com/personal/cre https://www.experian.com/freeze/center. https://www.transunion.com/cre dit-report-services/ html dit-freeze

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some or all of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

- 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, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;

- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
- 7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;
- 8. 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.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password (or both) that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

As an additional resource, we are offering you a complimentary twenty-four (24) month membership of credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company. This includes single bureau credit and CyberScan monitoring, fully managed ID theft recovery services, and access to a one-million-dollar (\$1,000,000) insurance reimbursement policy. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if you suspect your identity is compromised.

You may enroll and take advantage of the offered IDX identity protection services by going to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a> or calling 1-800-939-4170 or scanning the QR code and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is October 17, 2024.

For additional information on steps you may take to help protect your information from potential misuse, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov</a>, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) or the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/ocabr">www.mass.gov/ocabr</a> or (888) 283-3757.

Jim Ellis Auto Group is very sorry for any concern or inconvenience this event has caused or may cause you, but please know that we remain committed to protecting the information entrusted in our care. If you have any other questions or concerns you may contact our dedicated call center at 1-800-939-4170, Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time, excluding major holidays.

Sincerely,

Stacey Ellis Hodges Jim Ellis Auto Group

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- 1. Website and Enrollment. Scan the QR image or go to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a> 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 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.
- **4. Review your credit reports.** We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. 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.
- **5. Place Fraud Alerts** with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring.

## IDX Identity enrollments will include 24 months of the following service components:

**SINGLE BUREAU CREDIT MONITORING** (adults) - Monitoring of credit bureau for changes to the member's credit file such as new credit inquires, new accounts opened, delinquent payments, improvements in the member's credit report, bankruptcies, court judgments and tax liens, new addresses, new employers, and other activities that affect the member's credit record.

**CYBERSCAN**<sup>TM</sup> - Dark Web monitoring of underground websites, chat rooms, and malware, 24/7, to identify trading or selling of personal information like SSNs, bank accounts, email addresses, medical ID numbers, driver's license numbers, passport numbers, credit and debit cards, phone numbers, and other unique identifiers.

**IDENTITY THEFT INSURANCE** - Identity theft insurance will reimburse members for expenses associated with restoring their identity should they become a victim of identity theft. If a member's identity is compromised, the policy provides coverage for up to \$1,000,000, with no deductible, from an A.M. Best "A-rated" carrier. Coverage is subject to the terms, limits, and/or exclusions of the policy.

**FULLY-MANAGED IDENTITY RECOVERY** - IDX's fully-managed recovery service provides restoration for identity theft issues such as (but not limited to): account creation, criminal identity theft, medical identity theft, account takeover, rental application, tax fraud, benefits fraud, and utility creation. This service includes a complete triage process for affected individuals who report suspicious activity, a personally assigned IDCare Specialist to fully manage restoration of each case, and expert guidance for those with questions about identity theft and protective measures.