# creditrisk monitor

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#### Postal Endorsement Line

<<Full Name>> <<Address 1>>

<< Address 2>>

<<Address 3>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

<<Country>>

\*\*\*Postal IMB Barcode

<<Date>>

Dear << Full Name>>,

CreditRiskMonitor.com, Inc. ("CRMZ") writes to inform you of an event that may affect the privacy of some of your personal information. Although we are unaware of any identity theft or fraud in relation to the event, we are providing you with resources to help protect your information should you feel it appropriate to do so. Due to requirements imposed by Massachusetts law, we are unable to provide further detail about the nature of this incident, but you may obtain additional information by calling the dedicated assistance line included at the end of this letter.

As an added precaution, we are offering you access to credit monitoring and identity theft protection services for twenty-four (24) months through Equifax, at no cost to you. Please note that you will not be automatically enrolled in these services. We encourage you to enroll in these services as CRMZ is not able to do so on your behalf. You can find instructions on how to enroll below.

#### **Enroll in Child Monitoring Services**



<<Full Name>>
Enter your Activation Code: <<Activation Code>>
Enrollment Deadline: <<Enrollment Deadline>>

## **Equifax Credit Watch<sup>™</sup> Gold**

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

## **Key Features**

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
- WebScan notifications<sup>1</sup> when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>2</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>3</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft<sup>4</sup>

## **Enrollment Instructions**

Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of <<Activation Code>> then click "Submit"

#### 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

#### 2. Create Account:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

### 3. **Verify Identity:**

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

#### 4. **Checkout**:

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

#### You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Credit Reports. Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1 (877) 322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

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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 (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 consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven (7) years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three (3) 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 a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of 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 (2) to five (5) 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, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit- help/
1 (888) 298-0045	1 (888) 397-3742	1 (800) 916-8800
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

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed 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.

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, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 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.

We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 844-218-4431 from 9 a.m. EST to 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, excluding major U.S. holidays. You may also write to us at 704 Executive Boulevard, Suite A, Valley Cottage, NY 10989. We take this event very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this event may cause you.

Sincerely,

CreditRiskMonitor.com, Inc.