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# PETERSON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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#### NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<Full Name>>,

At Peterson Law Offices, we take our relationships with our clients seriously. That's why we are contacting you about a security incident that impacted some of your data. We detected suspicious activity on our network late last year and promptly began working with outside cybersecurity experts to investigate that activity. Based on our investigation, we determined that an unauthorized third party acquired some of your personal information. We are reaching out to provide you information on what happened and what we are doing in response.

#### WHAT HAPPENED

On October 31, 2024, we detected suspicious activity on our network. We promptly began working with third-party experts to investigate and assist with remediation efforts, including identifying the potentially affected files. Once we identified the impacted files, we engaged a data-review firm to review the content of those files. We received the results of that data review on February 3, 2025, and have since been working to get current addresses for notifying impacted individuals.

### WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED

We determined that the third party acquired a limited amount of your personal information. The affected data includes some combination of your: name, contact information, medical information, financial details, and government identification number (such as a driver's license number or Social Security number).

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

We hired third-party experts to address this situation, investigate the unauthorized activity, and further secure our systems to protect your information. We also notified law enforcement, which did not delay this notice.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Enclosed with this letter you will find steps you can take to protect yourself against fraud. In addition, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership to Experian's IdentityWorks. This product helps detect possible misuse of personal information. Additional details about this product can be found on the next page. To register, please:

- Ensure that you enroll by: << Enrollment Deadline>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
- o Visit the Experian Identity Works website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- o Provide your activation code: <<Activation Code>>

If you have questions or want an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian at 877-288-8057 by **<<Enrollment Deadline>>** and provide them engagement number **<<Engagement Number>>**.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at (701) 947-2442, and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Travis Peterson

#### ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

**Remain vigilant** — We encourage you to remain vigilant for fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports. You can also find additional suggestions at <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>.

- You should confirm that your credit card company has the correct address on file for you and that all charges on the account are legitimate. If you discover errors or suspicious activity, you should immediately contact the credit card company and inform them that you have received this letter.
- O You should obtain and review a free copy of your credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com or calling (877) 322-8228. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once per week. If the report is incorrect, you should contact the appropriate consumer reporting agency—Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion.

Consider placing a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit file – Consumer reporting agencies have tools you can use to protect your credit, including fraud alerts and security freezes.

- A fraud alert is a cautionary flag you can place on your credit file to notify companies extending you credit that they should take special precautions to verify your identity. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for 1 year, but you can renew it. You can contact any of the three consumer reporting agencies to place fraud alerts with each agency. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.
- O A security freeze is a more dramatic step that will prevent others from accessing your credit report, which will prevent them from extending you credit. You must contact each consumer reporting agency separately to order a security freeze, and they may require you to provide them with your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, and current and previous addresses. There is no fee for requesting, temporarily lifting, or permanently removing a security freeze with any of the consumer reporting agencies. You can obtain more information about security freezes by contacting the consumer reporting agencies or the Federal Trade Commission.

**Report suspicious activity** – If you believe you are the victim of identity theft, consider (1) notifying your Attorney General, local law enforcement, or the Federal Trade Commission; (2) filing a police report and requesting a copy of that report; and (3) visiting <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a> to report the issue and get recovery steps.

Contact relevant authorities – You may contact the below resources to (1) get more information on fraud alerts or security freezes and (2) learn more about protecting yourself from fraud or identity theft.

Federal Trade Commission	Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW	P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 9701	P.O. Box 2000
Washington, DC 20580	Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
(202) 326-2222	(800) 685-1111	(888) 397-3742	(888) 909-8872
www.ftc.gov	www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

For Maryland Residents – The Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, 25th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; (888) 743-0023; <a href="https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov">www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov</a>.

For North Carolina Residents – The North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27669; (919) 716-6400; <a href="www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>.

For New York Residents – The New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; (800) 771-7755; www.ag.ny.gov.

You can also find your Attorney General's contact information at: https://www.usa.gov/state-attorney-general.

Review the Fair Credit Reporting Act — You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), including the right to know what is in your file, to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information, and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit: <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</a>.