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Via First-Class Mail

# **Notice of Data Security Incident**

Dear <<Full Name>>,

We are writing to inform you of a recent data security incident involving one of our third-party vendors that may have involved your information.

#### What Information Was Involved

While the impacted data elements vary, this compromise could have included the account name with account number. Please note that we have no evidence at this time that any of your personal information has been misused as a result of the incident.

## What We Are Doing

The third-party service provider reported that it took steps to secure its systems and launched an investigation involving law enforcement and a leading cybersecurity expert consultant firm. We take this incident seriously and are committed to protecting your personal information. In addition to working closely with the third-party service provider and cybersecurity experts, we are taking the following steps to protect your information including:

- Ensuring third-party service providers have appropriate security controls in place; and,
- Continuing to follow our oversight protocols for third-party security management.

# What You Can Do

We are not aware of anyone experiencing fraud as a result of this incident. As data incidents are increasingly common, we encourage you to always remain vigilant, monitor your accounts, and immediately report any suspicious activity or suspected misuse of your personal information. We encourage you to review the <u>Additional Important Information</u> located on the following pages, which includes further steps to safeguard your personal information, such as implementing a fraud alert or security freeze.

# **For More Information**

If you have any questions, please reach out directly to Olivia Fleming at (212) 652-9100 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please know that Edgewood values the protection of client data and the privacy of your personal information, and we understand the concern that these incidents cause.

Sincerely,

**Edgewood Management LLC** 600 Steamboat, Ste 103 Greenwich, CT 06830

## **Additional Important Information**

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.

Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their 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.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must make a direct request by telephone, secure electronic means (website), or written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax; Experian; and TransUnion at the addresses and/or numbers below:

## **Equifax Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services/ (800) 349-9960

### **Experian Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 experian.com/freeze/center.html (888) 397-3742

## **TransUnion Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 transunion.com/credit-freeze (888) 909-8872

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 (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, 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.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving a telephone or secure electronic request, or three (3) business days after receiving your written request, to place a security freeze on your credit report. 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.

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.

#### Implementing an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) with the IRS:

To help protect against a fraudulent tax return being filed under your name, we recommend Implementing an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) with the IRS. An IP PIN is a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS. It helps the IRS verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account.

If you don't already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft. If you want to request an IP PIN, please note: you must pass an identity verification process; and Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity verification process. The fastest way to receive an IP PIN is by using the online Get an IP PIN tool found at: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin">https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin</a>. If you wish to get an IP PIN and you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity.

Some items to consider when obtaining an IP PIN with the IRS:

- An IP PIN is valid for one calendar year.
- A new IP PIN is generated each year for your account.
- Logging back into the Get an IP PIN tool, will display your current IP PIN.
- An IP PIN must be used when filing any federal tax returns during the year including prior year returns.