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To Enroll, Please Visit:
<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXXXX>>

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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving Gould Cooksey Fennell, PLLC ("GCF") that may have resulted in the unauthorized access to some of your personal information. We take the privacy and protection of your personal information seriously. And while we currently have no indication that any information has been misused, we are making resources available to you to help protect your information. The potentially accessed information may have included your name in combination with an image of Bank of America check number [REDACTED], which includes your financial account number and routing number.

GCF has taken steps to address this incident and is committed to protecting information in its care. Upon learning about this incident, we immediately took steps to secure our platform and undertook a thorough investigation. As an additional safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service through IDX for 24 months. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you, and you must enroll yourself. Additional information on how to activate the complimentary credit monitoring service is enclosed.

In addition to enrolling in the credit monitoring service, we recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all your account statements, credit history, and explanation of benefits forms to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on any of your accounts, please promptly change your password, notify your financial institution or company if applicable, and take any additional steps needed to protect your account. Additionally, please report any suspicious incidents to local law enforcement and/or the Massachusetts Attorney General. Please review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" for additional resources.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about this incident. You may call our office at 772-231-1100 or write to us at 979 Beachland Boulevard, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

GCF sincerely regrets any concern this incident may cause you. The privacy and security of your information is important to us, and we will continue to take steps to protect information in our care.

Sincerely,

Gould Cooksey Fennell, PLLC

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring / Identity Protection

1. Website and Enrollment. Go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> 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. Please note the deadline to enroll is 12.31.2025.

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.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You 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-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, 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 lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your express authorization. The credit 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 credit freeze 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 credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

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

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| TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com | Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com | Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com |
| TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 | Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 | Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 |
| TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 | Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 | Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 |

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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, the Massachusetts Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.