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Dear

Professional Testing Corporation ("PTC") 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 information about the event, our response, and additional measures you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

Please know that we take the security of information in our care seriously. We conducted an investigation into this incident to determine what happened and what personal information may have been affected. Through this investigation, we determined that the files involved in this event contained your name and Social Security number which may be affected.

We take this incident and the security of information in our care very seriously. We moved quickly to respond and investigate the suspicious activity, assess and secure our network, and notify potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we are currently reviewing our policies and procedures, as well as assessing new cybersecurity tools, to reduce the risk of a similar incident from occurring in the future. We also notified federal law enforcement and will be notifying relevant regulators, as required.

We are also notifying you so that you may take further steps to protect your personal information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. As an added precaution, we are also offering 24 months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through TransUnion. More information about these services is below.

## **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

In response to the incident, we are providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score** services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 24 months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

## How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <u>https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate</u> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity. **Additional Steps You May Take to Help protect Personal Information** 

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

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 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 years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three 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 to five 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 major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

| Equifax                                  | Experian                       | TransUnion                         |
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| https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit- |                                | https://www.transunion.com/credit- |
| report-services/                         | https://www.experian.com/help/ | help                               |
| 1-888-298-0045                           | 1-888-397-3742                 | 1-800-916-8800                     |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069     | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box | TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box   |
| Atlanta, GA 30348-5069                   | 9554, Allen, TX 75013          | 2000, Chester, PA 19016            |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788   | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.   | TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.     |
| Atlanta, GA 30348-5788                   | Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013      | Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094         |

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

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 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. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

## For More Information.

Please note, Massachusetts law does not allow us to include certain information in this notification. If you have any questions, please contact PTC at 215-356-0670, you may also write to us at 1350 Broadway #800, New York, NY 10018.

Sincerely, Professional Testing Corporation