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[Redacted address lines]



May 28, 2026

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear [Redacted Name]:

We are writing to inform you of a recent event experienced by Smith & James, CPAs (“Smith & James”) that involved your personal information. Please read this letter carefully as it contains resources you can utilize to protect your information, including instructions for enrolling in complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.

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. A security freeze prohibits a consumer 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.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to **each** of the three major consumer reporting agencies:

- Equifax Security Freeze: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-685-1111, www.equifax.com
- Experian Security Freeze: P.O. Box 9701, Allen, TX 75013, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com/freeze/center.html
- TransUnion Security Freeze: P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA, 19016, 1-888-909-8872, freeze.transunion.com

To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name and any suffixes;
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, 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 consumer reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your 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 to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a request to the consumer reporting agencies and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security Number) and the PIN 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 or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The consumer reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To determine whether any unauthorized credit was obtained with your information, you may obtain a copy of your credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com or 1-877-322-8228. You may also request information on how to place a fraud alert by contacting any of the above consumer reporting agencies. A fraud alert is intended to alert you if someone attempts to obtain credit in your name without your consent. It is recommended that you remain vigilant for any incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and your credit report for unauthorized activity. You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to learn more about how to prevent identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.consumer.ftc.gov, www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

Additionally, we are offering you the opportunity to enroll in complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services, including a \$1,000,000 identity theft insurance policy, at no charge to you. 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 are provided through Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

To enroll in the credit monitoring and identity theft protection services at no charge to you, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. In order for you to receive the 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.

We encourage you to enroll in the complimentary credit protection services we are offering. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact 1-800-405-6108, Monday through Friday from 8:00pm to 8:00pm Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. Holidays. TransUnion representatives are fully versed on this incident and can help answer questions you may have regarding the protection of your information.

Sincerely,

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