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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving City Abstract that may have resulted in the disclosure of some of your personal information. At this time, we are not aware of the misuse of any of your information. Nonetheless, we are notifying you out of an abundance of caution. We take the security of your personal information very seriously, and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information, and resources we are making available to help you.

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 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.

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 my.equifax.com/consumerregistration (800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze Fraud Victim Assistance Dept. P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022-2000 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;
- 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Services marked with an "\*" require 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.

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 permanently remove the security freeze, or to temporarily lift the security freeze for a specified period of time or to provide a specified entity access to your credit report, you must make a request either by phone, through secure electronic means (website), or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail. Requests must include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. To temporarily remove the security freeze, include the specific period of time you want the credit report available or the name of the entity you want to have access to your credit report.

In the case of a request by phone or secure electronic means, the security freeze will be lifted within one (1) hour after receiving the request for removal; or in the case of a request that is by mail, the credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to permanently or temporarily remove the security freeze.

As a precautionary measure, we are providing you with complimentary resources to help protect your identity. We have secured the services of CyberScout, a company specializing in identity theft education and resolution, to provide you with fraud resolution support, including identity theft restoration services, and access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Cyber Monitoring\* services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twenty-four (24) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your Experian credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. The cyber monitoring will review the dark web and alert you if your personally identifiable information is found online. With this protection, you will receive proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud

To enroll in Credit Monitoring\* services at no charge, please log on to <a href="https://www.myidmanager.com">https://www.myidmanager.com</a> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: <CODE HERE.>

For guidance with the CyberScout services, or to obtain additional information about these services, please call the CyberScout help line 1-800-405-6108 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code.

We are committed to ensuring security of all information in our control and are taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. This includes strengthening our cybersecurity posture by implementing additional span filters with Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection, enhancing password policies, enabling multifactor authentication for access to email accounts, and continuing to educate staff regarding awareness of cyber risks including integration of KnowB4 training.

Please know that the protection of your personal information is a top priority, and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience that this matter may cause you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 1-855-652-4700, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

William Gordon Chief Financial Officer

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## **Additional Important Information**

<u>For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina:</u> It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

### For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

### For residents of lowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

#### For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

## For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

## Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us

## Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection

150 South Main Street Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov

# North Carolina Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com

### **Federal Trade Commission**

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

For residents of Massachusetts: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft

### For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf), Experian (https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html) or TransUnion (https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, telephone or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting each of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

# Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 www.freeze.equifax.com 800-525-6285

# Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze 888-397-3742

# TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 freeze.transunion.com 800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.