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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

C/O ID Experts
10300 SW Greenburg Rd. Suite 570
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To Enroll, Please Call:
800-939-4170
Or Visit:
<https://app.myidcare.com/account-creation/protect>
Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXXXX>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address 1>> <<Address 2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

September 25, 2019

RE: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<FirstName>> <<LastName>>,

Hartman, Blitch & Gartside (“Hartman”) is writing to notify you of an event that may involve some of your personal information. Hartman takes this incident very seriously, and this letter provides details about the resources available to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud from any source should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

We take the protection of personal information very seriously. Though we are not aware of any identity theft or fraud occurring as a result of this event, to illustrate our commitment to the protection of personal information, we have arranged to have ID Experts make available at no cost to you credit monitoring and identity restoration services for two (2) years. Please review the instructions contained in the attached “Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information” to enroll and receive these services. It is incumbent upon you to enroll in these services, as we are not able to act on your behalf to enroll you in the credit monitoring service.

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 800-939-4170 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays.

We’ve been serving literally generations of clients for more than 50 years and consider you part of the Hartman, Blitch & Gartside family. We all truly regret any inconvenience this may cause you and will be here for you to help handle any related issues...as only family members would. We truly appreciate you and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Adam M. Robinson, CPA, Managing Partner

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

It is always good practice to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity, and we encourage you to take those steps. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

We encourage you to contact ID Experts with any questions and to enroll in free MyIDCare services by calling 800-939-4170 or going to <https://app.myidcare.com/account-creation/protect> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. MyIDCare experts are available Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET. Please note the deadline to enroll is December 25, 2019.

At no charge, you can also have these credit bureaus place a "fraud alert" on your file that alerts creditors to take additional steps to verify your identity prior to granting credit in your name. Note, however, that because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to protect you, it may also delay your ability to obtain credit while the agency verifies your identity. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts on your file. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, or should you have any questions regarding your credit report, please contact any one of the agencies listed below.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19106
800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

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.

Under Massachusetts law, consumers may 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 the consumer's written authorization. However, please be advised 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. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report.

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, Experian, and TransUnion by regular, certified or overnight mail to the addresses below:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-349-9960
www.freeze.equifax.com

Experian Security Freeze
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html.com

TransUnion
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19106
1-888-909-8872
freeze.transunion.com

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 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 three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit file 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 call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (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 or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338); and TTY: 866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them, and you can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, the FTC, the Massachusetts Attorney General and the relevant financial institution.