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# **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <<FirstName>> <<MiddleName>> <<LastName>> <<NameSuffix>>,

We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have affected some of your personal information.

# What Happened

Lincoln recently discovered that one of its employees was the victim of a phishing attack that resulted in a third party gaining limited unauthorized access to the employee's email account for a period of time on Dec. 10, 2019. We have determined that some of your personal information may have been exposed due to this unauthorized access.

# What Information Was Involved

Based on the facts known to Lincoln at this time, the personal information affected by this unauthorized access may have included a combination of your name, address, date of birth, insurance coverage election information and/or Social Security number.

#### What We Are Doing

We take our obligation to protect the information we receive seriously, and upon discovery we quickly took action to limit the risks posed by this incident. We secured the employee's account and initiated a full investigation into the unauthorized access. Additionally, we are continuing to enhance our cybersecurity program by enhancing our cyber-phishing avoidance policy as well as deploying new tools to help detect and prevent phishing attacks. We have also arranged to provide you with complimentary identity monitoring services through Kroll, a global leader in risk mitigation and response (see more below).

## What You Can Do

We encourage you to be vigilant in monitoring your account statements and credit reports regularly for potential identity theft. In addition, we have arranged to provide you with two years of complimentary identity monitoring services from Kroll, to help you detect any possible misuse of your data. Please see the attached for more information about activating this service.

Visit krollbreach.idMonitoringService.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until May 7, 2020 to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Member ID>>>

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# For More Information

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you. Please be assured that we have taken the necessary steps to investigate this incident. We continue to work diligently to address the impact of this incident, and continually assess our cybersecurity policies and procedures, enhancing them as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact 1-844-904-0933 Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Central Time.

Sincerely

**Bob Reiff** 

SVP, Distribution and Client Solutions

**Group Protection** 

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting agencies is:

**Equifax**, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111 **Experian**, PO Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742 **TransUnion**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022, www.transunion.com, 1-800-888-4213

Free Credit Report. It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies.

To order your annual free credit report please visit www.annualcreditreport.com 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 from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents: You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

**Fraud Alert.** You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies above. 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.

**Security Freeze.** You have the ability to place a security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, on your credit report free of charge.

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 may be able to use an online process, an automated telephone line, or a written request to any of the three credit reporting agencies listed above. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, 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.

Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft.

You may contact the **Federal Trade Commission**, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

For Maryland residents: You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-888-743-0023.

For North Carolina residents: You may contact the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-877-566-7226.

#### Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

For lowa residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General.

For Massachusetts residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For Oregon residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You've been provided with access to the following services' from Kroll:

# Triple Bureau Credit Monitoring and Single Bureau Credit Report

Your current credit report is available for you to review. You will also receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data at any of the three national credit bureaus—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who can help you determine if it's an indicator of identity theft.

#### Web Watcher

Web Watcher monitors internet sites where criminals may buy, sell, and trade personal identity information. An alert will be generated if evidence of your personal identity information is found.

#### **Public Persona**

Public Persona monitors and notifies when names, aliases, and addresses become associated with your Social Security number. If information is found, you'll receive an alert.

#### Quick Cash Scan

Quick Cash Scan monitors short-term and cash-advance loan sources. You'll receive an alert when a loan is reported, and you can call a Kroll fraud specialist for more information.

#### \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

# Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

# **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator can dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

<sup>1</sup> Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.
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