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Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by Nielson Hoover Group ("Nielson") that may have affected your personal information.¹ Nielson takes the privacy and security of all information very seriously and deeply regrets any concern that this incident may cause. We are writing to notify you of this incident, to offer you complimentary identity monitoring services, and to inform you about steps that can be taken to help protect your personal information.

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

In order 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 up to 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.

¹Nielson provides insurance and risk management products and services for commercial and personal clients, and may have been in possession of your information in connection therewith.

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 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 up to 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 remove the security freeze, you must send a request to each of the three 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. The consumer reporting agencies have up to three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze. No fee is required to be paid to any of the consumer reporting agencies to place, lift or remove a security freeze.

In order 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:

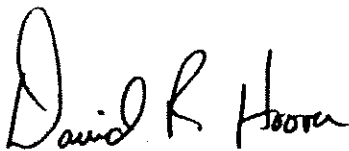
FTC, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580,
www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

As referenced above, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring services at no cost to you for eighteen (18) months. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response. Activation instructions and a description of the services being provided are included with this letter. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

We recommend that you review the guidance in this letter. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Kroll at 1-???-???-????, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding major US holidays. Kroll representatives are fully versed on this incident and can answer any questions you may have regarding the safeguarding of your personal information.

Thank you for your patience through this incident. We take your trust in us and this matter very seriously. Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Hoover". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David R. Hoover, AFSB, CRIS
Executive Vice President / COO
Nielson Hoover Group

As referenced above, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring services at no cost to you. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and the Kroll team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your services² include Credit Monitoring, \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

How to Activate Your Services

Visit [https://\[IDMonitoringURL\]](https://[IDMonitoringURL]) to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until [Date] to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Member ID>>

If you have questions, please call 1-???-???-????, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Take Advantage of Your Services

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

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—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.

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.

\$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.

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.

²Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. 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.