

Return to: IDX P.O Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728 To Enroll, Please Call: 1-833-933-1103 Or Visit:

https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect
Enrollment Code: << Enrollment Code>>



August 16, 2022

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

Perkins and Co ("Perkins") is a privately held accounting firm located in Portland, Oregon, and provides services to an organization with which you are affiliated. Perkins is writing on behalf of <\Variable Text - Data Owner>> to notify you about a cybersecurity incident involving our third-party data hosting vendor, Netgain, that may affect the security of some of your personal information. We take this event and the security of your personal information very seriously and this letter provides steps you may take to better protect against potential misuse of your information should you feel it is necessary. If you have questions about the event, please call our dedicated call center at 1-833-933-1103, available Monday through Friday, 9am to 9pm Eastern Time.

We confirmed that Netgain has taken steps to further safeguard against future threats, including implementing additional advanced threat protection tools, resetting passwords, reviewing and restricting access rights, and hardening network security rules and protocols. Perkins reported this incident to the IRS and state tax authorities, as well as applicable state data privacy regulatory authorities.

As an added precaution, we are offering complimentary access to twenty-four (24) months of credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services through IDX. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the below enrollment instructions.

# **Enroll in Complimentary Credit Monitoring**

- 1. Website and Enrollment. We are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: twenty-four (24) months of tri-bureau credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. Please note the deadline to enroll is November 16, 2022.
- 2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- 3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-833-933-1103 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three (3) major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

### Place a Security Freeze

You have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

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

TransUnion
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/creditfreeze

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

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 (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, 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 one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit file report, based upon the method of the request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with the process by which you may remove the security freeze, including an authentication mechanism. Upon receiving a direct request from you to remove a security freeze and upon receiving proper identification from you, the consumer reporting agency shall remove a security freeze within one (1) hour after receiving the request by telephone for removal or within three (3) business days after receiving the request by mail for removal.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three (3) credit bureaus 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. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

## Place a Fraud Alert

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven (7) years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com/
fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-766-0008
www.equifax.com/personal/
credit-report-services

## **Additional Information**

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed regarding 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.

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866 -653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can also 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 be reported to law enforcement, the FTC, and the Massachusetts Attorney General.

We understand that you may have questions about this event not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated call center at 1-833-933-1103, available Monday through Friday, 9am to 9pm Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

Jared Holum, President Perkins & Co