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March 23, 2021

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Dear [REDACTED],

We are writing to notify you that due to a clerical error on 2/9/2021, your information was inadvertently disclosed to another party. Your information included your name, address, and home equity application number.

We truly apologize for any inconvenience or worry this issue may cause you. We have addressed this with our staff and have reiterated the importance of properly handling and safeguarding customer information and following established procedures.

On the following pages of this letter are some actions you can take to protect yourself and to make yourself aware of your rights. In addition, to help prevent possible misuse of your personal information, we will be offering free credit monitoring service for up to 18 months. Once you sign up, Rockland Trust will reimburse you for up to 18 months of service. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please enroll in a service and bring proof of payment to your local branch for reimbursement.

Rockland Trust recommends that you monitor your account(s) vigilantly over the next twelve to twenty-four months. You can review your account activity using online banking, mobile banking, telephone banking, or your account statements. As a reminder, you can set up alerts through online banking to advise you of activity on your account. If you suspect any additional fraud incidents or suspect identity theft please report these promptly back to Rockland Trust. In addition, we encourage you to report any incidents of identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC provides guidance regarding steps you can take to protect against identity theft. To learn more or to take these steps, please call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338) or visit [consumer.gov/idtheft](http://consumer.gov/idtheft).

In general, it is a good practice to request a copy of your credit report annually. To order your free annual credit report from a national consumer reporting company, visit [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free 877.322.8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form and mail it to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Your relationship is important to us. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Customer Information Center at 508.732.7072. Our associates are available from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

Thank you for banking with Rockland Trust.

Sincerely,

Rockland Trust

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.

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. 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. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)).

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 ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)), Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)), and Trans Union ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)) by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below:

Equifax Security Freeze  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013

Trans Union Security Freeze  
Fraud Victim Assistance Department  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19022

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some or all of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

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, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;
8. 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 report, based upon the method of your request. 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. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including 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. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using

the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) 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 make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide 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 between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.