<<BRAND>> C/O IDX P.O. Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728 To Enroll, Please Call: 1-833-903-3645

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

<<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>> <<ADDRESS1>> <<ADDRESS2>> <<CITY>>, <<STATE>> <<ZIP>>

April 16, 2021

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## Re: Notification of Data Security Incident

Dear <<<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>>:

I am writing to inform you of a recent data security incident experienced by <<BRAND>> that may have affected your personal information. <<BRAND>> takes the privacy and security of your personal information very seriously. That is why I am writing to notify you of this incident, to offer you complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to assist you, and to inform you about steps that can be taken to help protect your personal information.

On February 22, 2021, <<BRAND>> learned that it had experienced a potential data security incident involving the printing and mailing of tax returns from prior years to customer addresses on file. On March 12, 2021, <<BRAND>> confirmed that a tax return from a prior year that contained your personal information was mailed to an out of date address and that, as such, your personal information may have been impacted in connection with this incident. Please note that this incident did not involve unauthorized access to the <<BRAND>> digital environment.

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 (<u>www.equifax.com</u>); Experian (<u>www.experian.com</u>); and TransUnion (<u>www.transunion.com</u>). To place a security freeze, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-349-9960 https://www.equifax.com/personal /credit-report-services/ Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 https://www.experian.com/freeze/ center.html TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-888-909-8872 <u>https://www.transunion.com/credit</u> <u>-freeze</u> 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.

As an added precaution, we are offering you credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services at no cost to you through IDX, a leader in risk mitigation and response. These services include credit and CyberScan<sup>TM</sup> monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

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To receive the credit monitoring services offered through IDX, you must be over the age of 18, have established credit in the United States, have a Social Security number issued in your name, and have a United States residential address associated with your credit file. Please note that the deadline to enroll in the complimentary IDX services is July 16, 2021.

We recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to help protect your information. We also encourage you to enroll in the complimentary services offered through IDX by calling 1-833-903-3645 or going to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.

You can also follow the recommendations included with this letter to help protect your personal information. We recommend that you review your current and past credit and debit card account statements for discrepancies or unusual activity. If you see anything that you do not understand or that looks suspicious, or if you suspect that any fraudulent transactions have taken place, you should call the bank that issued the card immediately. 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/, 877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)

If you have questions or need assistance, please call our dedicated call center at 1-833-903-3645 Monday through Friday from 9:00  $\mu$  m Eastern Standard Time.

We take your trust in us and the protection of your information very seriously. Please accept our sincere apologies for any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Your <<>BRAND>> Team

## Steps You Can Take to Further Protect Your Information

**Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity:** As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

**Copy of Credit Report:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <u>www.annualcreditreport.com/</u>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print this form at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf</u>. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Fraud Alert:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. There is no charge to place, lift or remove the security freeze. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC or from your respective state Attorney General about steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state. Residents of Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island can obtain more information from their Attorneys General using the contact information below.

Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 <u>consumer.ftc.gov</u> , and <u>www.ftc.gov/idtheft</u> 1-877-438-4338	Maryland Attorney General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 <u>oag.state.md.us</u> 1-888-743-0023	New York Attorney General Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 1-212-416-8433
North Carolina Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General	Washington D.C. Attorney General
9001 Mail Service Center	150 South Main Street	441 4th Street, NW
Raleigh, NC 27699	Providence, RI 02903	Washington, DC 20001
<u>ncdoj.gov</u>	<u>http://www.riag.ri.gov</u>	<u>oag.dc.gov</u>
1-877-566-7226	1-401-274-4400	1-202-727-3400

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), including: to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information, as well as others. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <u>files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</u>.