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NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

I am writing to provide you with a formal notification regarding a data incident involving Harry Hathaway, CPA's computer system, in which your personal information, including information which you provided for the purposes of preparing your tax return(s), may have been accessed. This letter serves to notify you about this incident, what has been done to correct it, and what you can do to further protect your information.

We have no information that your sensitive data has been misused in any manner. We likewise have no information that your tax returns have been impacted in any way.

That said, we are taking appropriate precautionary measures to protect your financial security and to help alleviate concerns you may have. If we become aware of any further suspicious activity in connection with your tax returns, we will notify you immediately. Conversely, if you receive any notifications from the IRS concerning suspicious activity on your account, please notify our office right away. This notification has not been delayed as a result of law enforcement investigation.

What Information Was Involved?

While our investigation has not revealed the precise information which may have been accessed by the threat actor, the information could have included your name, gender, date of birth, telephone number(s), address, social security number, all employment (W-2) information, 1099 information, as well as direct deposit bank account information, including account number and routing information (if provided to us).

What We Are Doing:

With the assistance of our IT department, the following steps have been taken: (1) immediate enhancements to our systems, security, and practices have been implemented to prevent unauthorized access in the future; (2) all network passwords have been changed; and (3) two-step

authentication has been implemented for online system access. We will continue to work with our IT department to keep the firm and clients safe from a future security breach.

We have engaged a third-party cyber risk and forensics consultant to investigate our system and evaluate what, if any, other information was accessed by the threat actor. If the investigation yields new and relevant findings concerning your personal information, we will update you accordingly.

Further, we are working with the appropriate agencies on your behalf such as the IRS. The IRS is monitoring our firm's client tax filings to ensure heightened security of those returns.

We are also providing individuals who have been affected by the incident with 18 months of complimentary credit monitoring from Kroll. Included in this letter is information for each of you to obtain the complimentary credit monitoring.

What You Can Do:

- We strongly recommend you be vigilant in reviewing your bank account as well as free credit reports.
- We suggest you have a conversation with your bank regarding the monitoring they can provide. It is also recommended that you change your passwords on all accounts.
- We also suggest you contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 and the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 about getting an Identity Protection PIN to use with your Social Security Number that criminals do not know. If you suspect identity theft, report it to law enforcement, including the Federal Trade Commission at https://www.identitytheft.gov/Assistant# and your State Attorney General's Office at naag.org.
- You have the right to obtain a police report regarding this incident.
- We recommend you call one of the three major credit agencies and place a 90-day fraud alert on your accounts. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. To do so, their contact information is:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 2104	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
https://www.alerts.equifax.co m/AutoFraud_Online/jsp/frau dAlert.jsp	https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	https://fraud.transunion.com/fa/fr audAlert/landingPage.jsp

 You are also entitled to a free credit report every year from each of these three credit agencies at: www.annualcreditreport.com

- You may also want to consider contacting these three credit agencies at the phone numbers above to place a credit freeze on your credit file. A credit freeze means potential creditors cannot get your credit report, making it less likely that an identify thief can open new accounts in your name. Pursuant to federal law, there is no cost to place or remove a security freeze. Find your State Attorney General's Office at naag.org to learn more.
- Lastly, you can also obtain information from the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts and security freezes. The Federal Trade Commission can be contacted as follows:
 - Federal Trade Commission
 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20580
 1-877-382-4357
 https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/

The protection and privacy of your information has always been a top priority for our firm. After our many years—and sometimes decades—of close business relationships with our clients, we have no words to express how devastating it is to have had this happen. We extend our deepest apologies for any inconvenience this incident may have caused you.

For More Information:

We are committed to helping those people who may have been impacted by this unfortunate situation. Protecting your information is incredibly important to us, as is addressing this incident with the information and assistance you may need.

Sincerely,

Harry Hathaway, CPA