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Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Weslend Financial
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<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

February 2, 2024

Re: Notice of Data <<Variable Text 1>>

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

Sage Home Loans Corporation f/k/a Lenox Financial Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Weslend Financial (“Lenox”) is writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have involved your personal information. We take the privacy and security of your personal information very seriously. This letter provides information about the incident and resources available to help you protect your information.

What Happened? On December 19, 2023, unusual network activity consistent with a ransomware attack was discovered on Lenox servers. Lenox immediately took steps to secure its network and initiated an investigation with the assistance of cybersecurity experts. The investigation revealed that an unauthorized actor gained access to the Lenox network on December 5, 2023, and obtained certain data from the network on or about December 19, 2023. Lenox promptly began a review of potentially affected files to determine what information may have been involved in this incident.

What Information Was Involved? The personal information involved may have included your <<Variable Text 2 >> <<Variable Text 3>>.

What We Are Doing. As soon as the incident was discovered, we took steps to secure our systems, including locking down our network and resetting account passwords. We launched an investigation to determine what happened and whether personal information had been accessed or acquired without authorization.

As outlined in more detail below, we are providing you with information about steps you can take to help protect your personal information. As an added precaution, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company, a national leader in identity protection services. IDX identity protection services include: 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services.

What You Can Do. In addition to enrolling in complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services, the Reference Guide includes additional information on general steps you can take to monitor and protect your personal information. We encourage you to remain vigilant against potential identity theft and fraud by carefully reviewing credit reports and account statements to ensure that all activity is valid.

You can enroll in the free IDX identity protection services by calling 1-888-740-7986 or going to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). Please note the deadline to enroll is May 2, 2024.

For More Information. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. If you have further questions or need assistance, please call 1-888-740-7986 toll-free. IDX representatives are fully versed on this incident and can help answer questions you may have regarding the protection of your information.

Reference Guide

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: Carefully review account statements and credit reports to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to 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).

Order Your Free Credit Report: To order your free annual credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You also can contact one or more of the following three national consumer reporting agencies:

- **Equifax:** P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, 1-800-525-6285, <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services>
- **Experian:** P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com/help
- **TransUnion:** P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, 1-800-916-8800, www.transunion.com/credit-help

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit Report: You have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on your credit report at no cost. An initial fraud alert lasts 1-year and can be renewed as many times as desired. 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 years. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any one of the consumer reporting agencies listed below. The agency you contact will then contact the other two credit agencies.

- **Equifax Information Services:** P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069, 1-800-525-6285, or by visiting: <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
- **Experian Fraud Alert:** P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013-9554, 1-888-397-3742, or by visiting: <https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
- **Transunion:** P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000, 1-800-916-8800, or by visiting: <https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>

Request a Security Freeze: 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); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). To place a security freeze on your credit report, 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 30348-5788
1-888-298-0045

<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
1-800-916-8800

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

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. 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.

Additional Information: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft at:

- Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) and TTY: 1-866-653-4261, www.identitytheft.gov/

The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. 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. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include 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 other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf.

Lenox: <<Variable Text 4>>. Lenox is located at 200 Sandpointe Avenue, 8th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92707, and can be reached at (659) 246-5979.

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