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## Tax Technologies, Inc.

January 12, 2024



Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear :

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**What Information was Involved?** Paycor notified us that the data accessed included your: full name, state of residence, date of birth and Social Security number.

What We Are Doing. TTI values your privacy and deeply regrets that this incident occurred. After receiving notification from Paycor, TTI conducted an investigation to determine the scope of the incident and to confirm that TTI's internal systems were not affected. TTI is also in the process of submitting a written demand to Paycor for further information related to the incident and for the removal of all TTI data from Paycor's, and Paycor's vendor's, systems. TTI is reviewing our existing policies and procedures and will be implementing additional security measures designed to help prevent the recurrence of such events and to better protect the privacy of TTI's valued employees in the future.

**What You Can Do.** We want to make sure our employees are protected against the risk of identity theft and the unauthorized use of their personal information. Please review the attachment to this letter (*Steps You Can Take to Further Protect Your Information*) for further information on steps you can take to protect your information, and how to receive free credit monitoring for 18 months.

**For More Information.** Please reach out if you have any further questions. You may contact Paul Neumann at (704) 727-6936 between 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident has caused.

Sincerely,

Paul Neumann HR Manager

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO FURTHER PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

#### Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity

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.

To file a complaint with the FTC, go to www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338). Complaints filed with the FTC will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, which is a database made available to law enforcement agencies.

## **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 <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or calling toll-free 877-322-8228. You can also elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is provided below:

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#### **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 your express authorization. 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. 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
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www.experian.com/freeze/cen ter.html TransUnion P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 888-909-8872

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#### **Additional Free Resources on Identity Theft**

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**Internal Revenue Service ("IRS")**. Although we have no reason to believe that your personal information has been used to file fraudulent tax returns, you can contact the IRS at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection">www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection</a> for helpful information and guidance on steps you

can take to address a fraudulent tax return filed in your name and what to do if you become a victim of such fraud. You can also visit <a href="www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft">www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft</a> for more information.

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New York Attorney General's Office Bureau of Internet and Technology 212-416-8433

https://ag.ny.gov/resources/i ndividuals/consumerissues/technology NYS Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection 800-687-1220

https://www.dos.ny.gov/con sumerprotection The New York State
Department of Labor
888-469-7365
<a href="https://dol.ny.gov/report-fraud">https://dol.ny.gov/report-fraud</a>

**For North Carolina Residents.** North Carolina residents may wish to review the information on how to prevent identify theft provided by the North Carolina Attorney General at http://www.ncdoj.gov, by calling 877-566-7226, or writing to 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001.



February 9, 2024



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#### **Credit Report Monitoring**

At our expense, TTI would like to offer you a free Two-year subscription to Identity Defense Total, a credit monitoring and identity theft protection service. Identity Defense Total provides essential monitoring and protection of not only credit data, but also monitors the Dark Web and alerts you if your Social Security number, credit cards, and bank account numbers are found in unsecure online locations.

## IDENTITY DEFENSE TOTAL features include:

- Dark Web Monitoring
- High Risk Transaction Monitoring
- Customer Support & Victim Assistance
- 3-Bureau Credit Monitoring
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*
- Monthly Credit Score
- Identity & Authentication Alerts
- Security Freeze Capability



\*Identity Theft Insurance underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

## To take advantage of this offer, you must follow these steps:

To activate this coverage please visit the Web site listed below and enter the activation code. The activation code is required for enrollment and can only be used one time by the individual addressed.

Web Site: <a href="https://app.identitydefense.com/enrollment/activate/">https://app.identitydefense.com/enrollment/activate/</a>
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