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Secure Processing Center P.O. Box 3826 Suwanee, GA 30024

<<Name 1>> <<Name 2>> <<Address 1>> <<Address 2>> <<Address 3>> <<City>><<State>><<Zip>> <<Country>>

<<Date>>

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Virginia Farm Bureau® and its affiliated companies¹ (collectively "VFB" or "We") are writing to inform you of a data security event that may involve some of your information. Our affiliated companies provide a variety of services including personal and commercial insurance as well as health insurance administration and brokerage services. We are notifying you because you or a family member has received our services or are a current or former VFB employee. This letter includes information about our response, and steps you may take to better protect your information against the possibility of identity theft and fraud, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

We take safeguarding the privacy and security of the information in our care very seriously. In an abundance of caution, VFB is offering you twenty-four (24) months of credit monitoring and identity restoration services at no cost to you through Equifax. Enrollment instructions are below.

Enroll in Credit Monitoring Services

Identity Defense Complete Key Features

- 1-Bureau Credit Monitoring
- Monthly Credit Score and Tracker (VantageScore 3.0)
- Real-Time Authentication Alerts
- High-Risk Transaction Monitoring
- Address Change Monitoring
- Dark Web Monitoring
- Wallet Protection
- Security Freeze Assist
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**

Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in Identity Defense, visit https://app.identitydefense.com/enrollment/activate/virg

1. Enter your unique Activation Code <<Activation Code>>

Enter your Activation Code and click 'Redeem Code'.

2. Create Your Account

Enter your email address, create your password, and click 'Create Account'.

3. Register

Enter your legal name, home address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security Number, and click 'Complete Account'.

4. Complete Activation

Click 'Continue to Dashboard' to finish enrolling.

¹ These entities include, but are not limited to, Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, Countryway Insurance Company, Employee Benefits Corporation of America, Benefit Design Group, Inc., Custom Health Care, Inc., and Virginia Farm Bureau Service Corporation – Health Care Consultants division.

The deadline to enroll is <<Enrollment Deadline>>. After <<Enrollment Deadline>>, the enrollment process will close, and your Identity Defense code will no longer be active. If you do not enroll by <<Enrollment Deadline>>, you will not be able to take advantage of Identity Defense, so please enroll before the deadline.

If you need assistance with the enrollment process or have questions regarding Identity Defense, please call Identity Defense directly at 1.866.622.9303.

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. 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 consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. Consumers should be aware, however, that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed regarding this event. 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 further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or the Massachusetts Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,

Washington, D.C. 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. To file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the Massachusetts Attorney General.

If you have additional questions, you may call our assistance line at 888-541-1629 (toll free), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding U.S. holidays. You may also write to VFB at P.O. Box 27552 Richmond, VA 23261, Attn: Safeguard.

Sincerely,

Virginia Farm Bureau