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## Dear Sample A. Sample:

CUSO Financial Services, LP ("CFS") is providing notice of an event that may affect the security of certain information related to you. We are providing you with notice of the event and additional measures you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information, we are evaluating opportunities to improve security to better prevent future events of this kind. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors over the next 12 to 24 months. Any suspicious activity should be promptly reported to the appropriate financial institution. As an additional precaution, we are offering you access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this event and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the event (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by May 31, 2024 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/credit">https://www.experianidworks.com/credit</a>
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

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If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this event, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 833-918-1093 by **May 31, 2024**. Be prepared to provide engagement number B115044 as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

Additional Details Regarding Your 24-Month Experian Identity Works Membership

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.<sup>1</sup>
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>2</sup>: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

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 <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> 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 you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one 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 your name without your consent. You should be aware, however, that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information, depending on whether you make the request 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. 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, 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

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

| Equifax                                  | Experian                       | TransUnion                         |
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| https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit- |                                | https://www.transunion.com/credit- |
| report-services/                         | https://www.experian.com/help/ | <u>help</u>                        |
| 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 in regard to 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. To file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim.

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you 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, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 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. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. 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 toll-free assistance line at 833-918-1093 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Central time (excluding major U.S. holidays). You may also write to CFS at Attention Legal Department, CUSO Financial Services, LP 10150 Meanly Drive, First Floor, San Diego, CA 92131.

Sincerely,

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