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### NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear << Name 1>>:

Tax Favored Benefits, Inc. ("TFB") is writing to notify you of an incident that may affect the privacy of some of your information. Although we have no evidence of any identity theft or fraud occurring as a result of this event, this letter provides details of the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

Data privacy and security are among TFB's highest priorities, and there are extensive measures in place to protect the information in our care. Upon discovery, we promptly commenced an investigation with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists to confirm the nature and scope of this incident. This investigation and response included confirming the security of our systems, reviewing the contents of relevant data for sensitive information, and notifying potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of information in our care, we continue to review our policies, procedures and processes related to the storage and access of personal information to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event. We will also notify applicable regulatory authorities where necessary.

As an added precaution, we are also offering 24 months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through Epiq. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the attached enrollment instructions as we are not able to enroll you on your behalf.

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. You may also review the information contained in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. There you will also find more information on the complimentary credit monitoring services we are making available to you.

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

Go to www.equifax.com/activate

## 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header.

Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

## 2. Create Account:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

## 3. Verify Identity:

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

# 4. Checkout:

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

You must enroll by <<Enrollment Deadline>>, your activation code will not work after this date.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

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 a free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their 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 1-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. However, consumers should be aware 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, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

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

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/		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

**For More Information:** If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 888-368-6249, toll-free Monday through Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm (excluding major U.S. holidays). Sincerely,

Gordon L. Thorn Chief Operating Officer Tax Favored Benefits, Inc.