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# NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear <<Name 1>>:

We are writing to let you know about a cybersecurity incident that affected some of your information. We are providing you with information about the event, our response, and additional measures you can take to help protect yourself.

## What Information Was Involved?

The following types of your information were downloaded by the third-party: name, <</ d>

### What We Are Doing.

We take this event and the security of information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we took immediate steps to disable the affected account, launch a comprehensive investigation, and assess the security of our systems. We also engaged cybersecurity experts. We confirmed containment of the incident on October 26, and since then have seen no further unauthorized access to any portion of our network.

While we are unaware of any identity theft or fraud related to information acquired in this incident, as an additional precaution, we are providing you with complimentary credit monitoring services for 24 months. That service is being provided by a third party, known as Kroll, and can be accessed by visiting <<insert URL>> and utilizing the following code: <<Enter Activation Code>>. We encourage you to take advantage of these services.

### How to Activate Your Identity Monitoring Services.

- 1. You must activate your identity monitoring services by <<Enter Deadline>>. Your Activation Code will not work after this date.
- 2. Visit Enroll.krollmonitoring.com/redeem to activate your identity monitoring services.
- 3. Provide Your Activation Code: <<Enter Activation Code>> and Your Verification ID: <<Enter Verification ID>>

## Key Features of Kroll Identity Monitoring Services.

# 1. Triple Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data at any of the three national credit bureaus.

- **2. Fraud Consultation** You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist.
- **3. Identity Theft Restoration** If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues.

# What You Can Do.

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 and to report suspected identity theft incidents to the institution. Please also review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*, which contains information on what you can do to safeguard against possible misuse of your information. You can also enroll in the credit monitoring services that we are offering.

## For More Information.

Please be assured that we are taking steps to address the incident and to protect the security of your information. If you have additional questions, you may call our toll-free assistance line at <<Kroll Call Center Number>> Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm Eastern time (excluding U.S. holidays).

Sincerely,

The Advarra Team

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **Enroll in Kroll's Monitoring Services**

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this event, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for 24 months. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.<sup>1</sup>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com.

## Additional Information

- **Credit Monitoring**. You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.
- **Fraud Consultation**. You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.
- **Identity Theft Restoration**. If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

### **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 <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> 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 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

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.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

### **Additional Information**

Consumers may further educate themselves 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 their state 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. Consumers have the right to

file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order 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 relevant state attorney general. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For Massachusetts residents*, 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.