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March 22, 2024

RE: NOTICE OF SECURITY EVENT

Dear <</First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We are writing to provide you with information regarding a security event involving the credentials for your account at Homeaglow, Inc. ("Homeaglow"). The event may have resulted in an unauthorized third party accessing or acquiring your personal information contained within your Homeaglow account. Although at this time there is no indication that your personal information contained within your Homeaglow account has been subject to unauthorized access or misuse in relation to this event, we are providing you with information about the event, our response, and steps you may take to help protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. 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 also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (<u>www.equifax.com</u>); Experian (<u>www.experian.com</u>); and TransUnion (<u>www.transunion.com</u>). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-800-349-9960	1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
https://www.equifax.com/personal/cre	https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.	https://www.transunion.com/cre
dit-report-services/	html	<u>dit-freeze</u>

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some, or all, of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security Number;

- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
- 7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2; and
- 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.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password (or both) that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

To help you protect your information, we are offering you two years of identity protection services, at no cost, through IDX. We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services by calling 1-800-939-4170, going to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u>, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is June 22, 2024.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your Homeaglow account has been subject to unauthorized access, fraud or misuse as a result of this event, but we encourage you to take full advantage of this free service offering. IDX representatives can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding these services and the protection of your information.

Sincerely,

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following provides additional information and actions that you can consider taking to help protect your information. You may also contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), the credit reporting agencies, or your state's regulatory authority to obtain additional information about avoiding identity theft, including information about fraud alerts and security freezes, as further detailed below. Contact Information for the Federal Trade Commission and credit reporting agencies is set forth below:

The Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338) TTY: 1-866-653-4261 www.ftc.gov/idtheft

Credit Reporting Agencies

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
PO Box 740241	PO Box 4500	PO Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

Order Your Free Annual Credit Report. You can order your free annual credit report online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>. by phone (toll free) at 877-322-8228, or by mail by submitting a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You can download a copy of the request form on the FTC website: <u>www.ftc.gov</u>. You can also visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website for more information on how you can obtain your credit report for free: <u>www.consumerfinance.gov</u>. Once you receive your credit reports, review them carefully for any discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting agency.

Review Your Accounts and Report Unauthorized Activity. We recommend you remain vigilant with respect to reviewing your account statements and credit reports, and promptly report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to the proper law enforcement authorities, including local law enforcement, your state's attorney general, and/or the FTC. Carefully review your credit reports and bank, credit card, and other account statements. Be proactive and create alerts on credit cards and bank accounts to notify you of activity. If you discover unauthorized or suspicious activity on your credit report or by any other means, file an identity theft report with your local police and contact a credit reporting company. You may also consider filing or obtaining a police report.

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from potential identity theft, you may consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert is intended to make it more difficult for someone to open a new credit account in your name. A fraud alert indicates to an entity requesting your credit file that you suspect you are a victim of fraud. When you or someone else attempts to open a credit account in your name, increase the credit limit on an existing account, or obtain a new card on an existing account, the alert notifies the entity to take steps to verify your identity. You may contact one of the credit reporting agencies listed above for assistance.

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You also may consider implementing a security freeze (also called a "credit freeze"). Placing a freeze on your credit report restricts access to your credit report and will prevent lenders and others from accessing your credit report entirely. This means you (or others) will not be able to open a new credit account while the freeze is in place. You can temporarily lift the credit freeze if you need to apply for new credit. With a security freeze in place, you may be required to take special steps when you wish to apply for any type of credit. You may contact one of the credit reporting agencies listed above for assistance.

Remain Vigilant and Lookout for Phishing Schemes. We also encourage you to remain vigilant in managing and handling your personal information and be on the lookout for suspicious emails, such as phishing schemes. Phishing schemes are attempts by criminals to steal personal information, including credit card numbers and social security numbers, over email. These attempts are often made by manipulating an email to make it look as if it came from a legitimate source, but which are actually sent by a fraudulent impersonator. Pay particular attention to anyone asking you to click on a link or attachment, especially if

the email requests sensitive information, and pay close attention to the email address (e.g., look for misspellings). It is also important that you check the recipient's email address when replying to emails to ensure it is legitimate. Also consider taking steps such as carrying only essential documents with you, being aware of how and with whom you are sharing your personal information, and shredding receipts, statements, and other sensitive information once you no longer need them.

For District of Columbia Residents: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia:

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Office of Consumer Protection 400 6th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 442-9828 <u>https://oag.dc.gov/</u>

For Maryland Residents: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

For New York Residents: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office or New York's Office of Information Technology Services:

New York Attorney General's Office Office of the Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341 1-800-771-7755 https://ag.ny.gov/ New York Office of Information Technology Services Empire State Plaza P.O. Box 2062 Albany, NY 12220-0062 844-891-1786 <u>https://its.ny.gov/</u>

For North Carolina Residents: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office

Consumer Protection Division 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-5-NO-SCAM www.ncdoj.gov

For Rhode Island Residents: You have the right to obtain a police report. You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General:

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Unit 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 <u>https://riag.ri.gov/</u>