





### IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY



The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to National Storage Affiliates Trust and NSA OP, LP ("National Storage Affiliates"). We are writing with important information regarding a recent data security incident. We want to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

## What Happened?

On December 20, 2023, we became aware of potentially unauthorized access to a single National Storage Affiliates email account.

## What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of this issue, we immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on April 17, 2024 that certain files within the email account containing personal information may have been accessed by the unauthorized party.

### What Information Was Involved?

The files that may have been accessed contained your

### What You Can Do.

To date, we are not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your information as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, this letter provides precautionary measures to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert, placing a security freeze, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

## For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually

evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of a.m. to p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at a second control of the control

Sincerely,

National Storage Affiliates

#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

# 1. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

We recommend that you place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraudalerts/
(800) 685-1111

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<a href="https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html">https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</a>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion
Fraud Victim Assistance
Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
<a href="https://www.transunion.com/fraudalerts">https://www.transunion.com/fraudalerts</a>
(800) 680-7289

# 2. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze Experian Security Freeze TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 Allen, TX 75013 https://www.equifax.com/personal/ http://experian.com/freeze https://www.transunion.com/credit credit-report-services/credit-(888) 397-3742 -freeze freeze/ (888) 909-8872 (888) 298-0045

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the City in which you currently reside.

## 3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for 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 company.

### 4. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

**Massachusetts Residents**: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report 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.

**New York Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

**North Carolina Residents**: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="www.ncdoj.gov/">www.ncdoj.gov/</a>, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

**Oregon Residents**: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, <a href="https://www.doj.state.or.us/">www.doj.state.or.us/</a>, Telephone: 877-877-9392.