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Dear,

We take data privacy and security very seriously and we appreciate your trust and confidence. We are contacting you because we recently identified a data security issue involving your personal information.

What Happened

On XX/XX/XX, an unaffiliated individual may have obtained the following information about you without authorization: <name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number, and income information>.

What We Are Doing

We investigated the incident and took action to prevent this unaffiliated individual from gaining further access to your information. To provide additional peace of mind, we would be happy to provide you with one year of complimentary credit monitoring service upon your request.

What You Can Do

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to obtain credit monitoring, please reach out to an Experian customer care agent at 877-890-9332. If, it is then 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 incident (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 this offer of complimentary credit monitoring is available to you once you enroll for one year.

The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at <https://www.experianidworks.com/restoration/>. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

While Identity Restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorksSM as a complimentary one-year 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:

1. Ensure that you **enroll by** <August 31, 2019> (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll:
<https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>
3. Provide your **activation code**: <NB756M4PD>

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-890-9332 by <August 31, 2019>. Be prepared to provide engagement <#DB13297> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and impact this may have on you and encourage you to take advantage of the assistance outlined above.

You are welcome to contact us at 855-342-2014 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday with any questions about this matter and/or the protections available to you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

SALLIE MAE BANK PRIVACY OFFICE

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS 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 only¹.
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance²** : Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information

¹ Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

² Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO HELP REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF IDENTITY THEFT

- **ORDER YOUR FREE ANNUAL CREDIT REPORTS**
Visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 877-322-8228.
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.
- **MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Take steps such as: carrying only essential documents with you; being aware of whom you are sharing your personal information with and shredding receipts, statements, and other sensitive information.
- **USE TOOLS FROM CREDIT PROVIDERS**
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.
- **OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT AND WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF**
 - Visit <http://www.experian.com/credit-advice/topic-fraud-and-identity-theft.html> for general information regarding protecting your identity.
 - The Federal Trade Commission has an identity theft hotline: 877-438-4338; TTY: 1-866-653-4261. They also provide information on-line at www.ftc.gov/idtheft.
- **PLACE A 90-DAY FRAUD ALERT ON YOUR CREDIT FILE**
An **initial 90-day security alert** indicates to anyone 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 lender should take steps to verify that you have authorized the request. If the creditor cannot verify this, the request should not be satisfied. You may contact one of the credit reporting companies below for assistance.

Equifax
1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

- **PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON YOUR CREDIT FILE**
Certain U.S. state laws, including in Massachusetts, provide the right to place a security freeze on your credit file, which prevents credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. Using a freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. To place a freeze, send a request by mail to each consumer reporting agency (addresses below) with the following (if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) Full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security Number; (3) Date of Birth; (4) proof of current address (such as a utility bill or telephone bill) and list of any previous addresses for the past five years; (5) copy of a government issued identity card, and (6) copy of police report, investigative report or complaint to law enforcement regarding identity theft. The consumer reporting agency may charge a fee up to \$5.00 to place, lift, and/or remove a freeze, unless you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agency. The consumer reporting agencies have three business days after receiving your letter to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five business days and provide you with a unique PIN or password that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the consumer reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and SSN) 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 or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The consumer reporting agencies have three business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or specified period of time. To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and SSN) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three business days after receiving your request to remove the freeze.
Equifax Security Freeze: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, Georgia 30348
Experian Security Freeze: P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013
TransUnion (Fraud Victim Assistance Division): P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

IF YOU ARE A MARYLAND RESIDENT

You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached at:

Office of the State of Maryland Attorney General
200 St Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023
www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

IF YOU ARE A MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENT

Under Massachusetts law, you also 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. You may also consider placing a fraud alert message or security freeze on your credit file by calling the toll-free telephone numbers for each of the three national consumer credit reporting agencies listed above. 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.

If you have been a victim of identity theft and you provide the credit reporting agency with a valid police report, it cannot charge you to place, lift or remove a security freeze. In all other cases, a credit reporting agency may charge you up to \$5.00 each to place, temporarily lift, or permanently remove a security freeze. To place a security freeze on your credit file, you must send a written request to each of the three national consumer reporting agencies listed above by regular, certified or overnight mail. In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

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, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, military identification, etc.);
7. 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;
8. If you are not a victim of identity theft, include payment by check, money order, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover only). Do not send cash through the mail.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. 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. To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (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 or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days 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 send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail and include 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 three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

IF YOU ARE A NEW MEXICO RESIDENT

Under New Mexico law, you also 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. You may also consider placing a fraud alert message or security freeze on your credit file by calling the toll-free telephone numbers for each of the three national consumer credit reporting agencies listed above. 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.

If you have been a victim of identity theft and you provide the credit reporting agency with a valid police report, it cannot charge you to place, lift or remove a security freeze. Alternatively, if you are over the age of 65, then the fee will also be waived. In all other cases, a credit reporting agency may charge you up to \$10.00 each to place, temporarily lift, or permanently remove a security freeze. To place a security freeze on your credit file, you must send a written request to each of the three national consumer reporting agencies listed above by regular, certified or overnight mail. In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

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, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, military identification, etc.);
7. 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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IF YOU ARE A NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT

You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached at:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office
9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 919-716-6400
www.ncdoj.gov

IF YOU ARE A RHODE ISLAND RESIDENT

You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached at:

Office of the State of Rhode Island Attorney General
150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903; 401-274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

Under Rhode Island law, you also 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. You may also consider placing a fraud alert message or security freeze on your credit file by calling the toll-free telephone numbers for each of the three national consumer credit reporting agencies listed above. 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.

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ⁱ Several of the states mention the notification must include whether the notification was delayed because of a law enforcement investigation.

Illinois states notification must include, but need not be limited to instruction to promptly change user name or password and security Q&A and take other appropriate steps to protect all online accounts for which the resident uses the same credentials (if user name/email address plus a password or security Q&A that would permit access to an online account is accessed).

New Mexico states notification must include advice regarding the individual's rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Also, Colorado states you must offer identity theft protection for 24 months and

Massachusetts states you must offer identity theft protection for 18 months.