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[Name] [Address 1] [Address 2] [City], [State] [Zip]

Dear [Name],

Bennett Partners Architecture Interiors Planning, Inc. ("Bennett") is sending you this letter to inform you of an event that may affect the privacy of some of your personal information. This notice provides information about the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it necessary to do so.

We take this incident and the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to investigate, respond, and assess the security of relevant systems. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information we are also reviewing existing policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future incident.

We are also offering you access to complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services for twenty-four (24) months through TransUnion. Please see the information under Complimentary Credit Monitoring Service for more information and how to enroll.

## **Complimentary Credit Monitoring Service**

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (myTrueIdentity) for two years provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

To enroll in this service, go directly to the *my*TrueIdentity website at <u>www.mytrueidentity.com</u> and in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code", enter the following unique 12-letter Activation Code << Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code >> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper based, credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-855-288-5422**. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code **699033** and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and March 31, 2022. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion, or an address in the

United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number, or are under the age of 18. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain two years of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The subscription also includes access to identity restoration services that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

If you have questions about your online credit monitoring benefits, need help with your enrollment, or need help accessing your credit report, or passing identity verification, please contact the *my*TrueIdentity Customer Service Team toll-free at: 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activities. If you see any suspicious charges on your credit card statements, we encourage you to promptly report the suspicious charges to the issuer of your credit card. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You 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 your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who obtains access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide 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, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

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

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/cr	https://www.experian.com/h	https://www.transunion.com/cr
edit-report-services/	elp/	edit-help

888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O.	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O.
105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

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 further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 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. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our call center at 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bennett, AIA Principal and CEO

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