

Certified Title Corporation  
P.O. Box 3923  
Syracuse, NY 13220



NAME  
ADDRESS

March 23, 2022

Re: Important Notice Regarding Possible Disclosure of Private Information

Dear Mr./Mrs.:

I am writing to inform you about a recent IT incident that may affect the security of your personal information. Certified Title Corporation is a licensed title agent that used a company called Cloudstar as its cloud hosting services provider. Cloudstar had an IT incident. At present, there is no evidence that any of the personal information on Cloudstar's system was misused in any way. However, in an abundance of caution, we want to notify you of the IT incident and offer you the resources discussed below. We take this incident seriously, and as such, are providing you with information and access to resources so that should you feel it is appropriate to do so, you can protect your personal information.

***What Information Was Involved?*** The data that was subject to unauthorized access was different in individual cases, however, in general the data may have contained names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, date of birth, Social Security number, and, in some instances, driver's license number, and/or credit card/financial account numbers.

***What Are We Doing?*** We take the security of sensitive information very seriously. Upon discovery of this incident, Certified Title immediately secured its systems and took all possible steps to secure personal information. Cloudstar has stated that the problem has been remediated and that their IT systems are operating securely. In addition to conducting a thorough investigation into the incident with the help of a qualified third-party specialists, we implemented additional safeguards and security measures to enhance the privacy and security of information in our systems.

We also want to make sure you have the information you need so that you can take steps to help protect yourself and your identity. We encourage you to remain vigilant and to regularly review and monitor relevant account statements and credit reports and report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement, your state's Attorney General, or the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC"). We have included more information on these steps in this letter.

### **Complimentary Identity Protection and Credit Monitoring Services**

Because of the potential release of private information, we are offering you services provided by Cyberscout, a company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line 1-844-517-0763 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code listed below. To extend these services, enrollment in the monitoring services described below is required.

Additionally, we are providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score/Cyber Monitoring\*** services at no charge for eighteen (18) months from the date of enrollment.

Upon your completion of the enrollment process, you will have access to the following features:

- Access to a credit report with credit score. A credit report is a snapshot of a consumer's financial history and primary tool leveraged for determining credit-related identity theft or fraud.
- Credit monitoring alerts with email notifications to key changes on a consumer's credit file. In today's virtual world, credit alerts are a powerful tool to protect against identity theft, enable quick action against potentially fraudulent activity, and provide overall confidence to potentially impacted consumers.
- Dark Web Monitoring to provide monitoring of surface, social, deep, and dark websites for potentially exposed personal, identity and financial information in order to help protect consumers against identity theft.
- Identity theft insurance of up to \$1,000,000 in coverage to protect against potential damages related to identity theft and fraud
- Assistance with reading and interpreting credit reports for any possible fraud indicators.
- Assistance with answering any questions individuals may have about fraud.

### **How do I enroll for the free services?**

To enroll in Credit Monitoring\* services at no charge, please log on to <https://www.myidmanager.com> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: **10vor83npxzw**. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter.

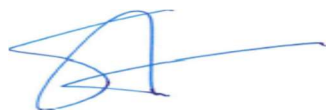
The enrollment requires an internet connection and an email account, and services may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. When signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for our own protection to confirm your identity.

Again, this protection is being offered at no cost to you, but you must use Cyberscout's website (included above) to activate your protection.

***What Else Can You Do?*** In addition to enrolling in the complimentary credit monitoring services being offered, you can review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information* for additional information on how to protect against identify theft and fraud.

On behalf of Certified Title, we are genuinely sorry this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause you. We can assure you that we are doing everything we can to protect you and your information, now and in the future. If you have questions about this notice or this incident, or require further assistance, you can reach us at 1-844-517-0763 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (ET), excluding holidays. Representatives are available for 90 days.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Millstein, President

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### Fraud Alert Information

Whether or not you enroll in credit monitoring, we recommend that you place a “Fraud Alert” on your credit file. Fraud Alert messages notify potential credit grantors to verify your identification before extending credit in your name in case someone is using your information without your consent. A Fraud Alert can make it more difficult for someone to get credit in your name; however, please be aware that it also may delay your ability to obtain credit. For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. Call only one of the following three nationwide credit reporting companies to place your Fraud Alert: TransUnion, Equifax, or Experian. As soon as the credit reporting company confirms your Fraud Alert, they will also forward your alert request to the other two nationwide credit reporting companies so you do not need to contact each of them separately. The contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is:

Equifax  
PO Box 740256  
Atlanta, GA 30374  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
1-800-525-6285

TransUnion  
PO Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016  
[www.transunion.com/fraud](http://www.transunion.com/fraud)  
1-800-680-7289

Experian  
PO Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
1-888-397-3742

#### Right to Obtain Police Report

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

#### Free Credit Report Information

Under federal law, you are also entitled to one free credit report once every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call 1-877-322-8228 or make a request online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

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. Victim information sometimes is held for use or shared among a group of thieves at different times. Checking your credit reports 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. Get a copy of the report; many creditors want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You also should file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov) or at 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC’s Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcers for their investigations. Also visit the FTC’s website at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) to review their free identity theft resources such as their comprehensive step-by-step guide “*Identity Theft - A Recovery Plan*”.

## Security Freeze Information

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 ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)). 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

PO Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

<http://www.freeze.equifax.com>

1-800-349-9960

### TransUnion Security Freeze

PO Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

<http://transunion.com/freeze>

1-888-909-8872

### Experian Security Freeze

PO Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

<http://experian.com/freeze>

1-888-397-3742

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;
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.

***Additional Information for residents of the following states:***

**California:** Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection ([www.oag.ca.gov/privacy](http://www.oag.ca.gov/privacy)) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

**Connecticut:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, [www.ct.gov/ag](http://www.ct.gov/ag)

**District of Columbia:** You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, [www.oag.dc.gov](http://www.oag.dc.gov)

**Kentucky:** Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, [www.ag.ky.gov](http://www.ag.ky.gov), Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

**Maryland:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us)

**Massachusetts:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General*, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, 1-617-727-8400, [www.mass.gov/ago/contact-us.html](http://www.mass.gov/ago/contact-us.html)

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 ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)). 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:

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<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/>

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742  
<https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-888-909-8872  
<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

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**New Mexico:** You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from a violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf), or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**New York:** You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies: *New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection*, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and *New York State Office of the Attorney General*, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>

**North Carolina:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov)

**Oregon:** Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, [www.doj.state.or.us/](http://www.doj.state.or.us/), Telephone: 877-877-9392

**Rhode Island:** Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov), Telephone: 401-274-4400

**West Virginia:** You have the right to ask that nationwide consumer reporting agencies place fraud alerts in your file to let potential creditors and others know that you may be a victim of identity theft, as described above. You also have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report, as described above.