

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# Department of Revenue

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[DATE]

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[NAME] [ADDRESS]
Dear []:
I am writing to notify you that on [DATE], the Department of Revenue learned of an unauthorized acquisition of your personal information. At this time, the Department is no aware of any information suggesting that your personal information has been used to commit identity theft or fraud. Nevertheless, attached is a notice, as required under Massachusett General Laws Chapter 93H, describing your right to security freezes and providing related information.
Additionally, DOR is offering you credit monitoring services for 24 months through Experian's IdentityWorks, at no cost to you. Please see the additional information provided at the end of this letter. If you wish to enroll in these services, you will need to enroll by May 5 2023 at the Experian at website <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/3bplus">https://www.experianidworks.com/3bplus</a> and provide your activation code: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/abplus">https://www.experianidworks.com/abplus</a> and provide your activation code: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/abplus">https://www.experianidworks.com/abplus</a> and provide your activation code: <a a="" abplus<="" href="https://www.experianidworks.com/abplus&lt;/a&gt; and provide your activation code: &lt;a href=" https:="" www.experianidworks.com=""> and provide your activation code: </a>

Sincerely,

John P. Mogni Director Internal Audit and Risk Management Department of Revenue

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- 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.

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.

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## HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:

If you wish to enroll in these services, please activate your membership by following the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by the end date provided on the first page of the letter: (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian Identity Works website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bplus
- Provide your activation code from the first page of the letter.

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian Identity Works.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian Identity Works:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Internet Surveillance: Technology searches the web, chat rooms & bulletin boards 24/7 to identify trading or selling of your personal information on the Dark Web.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at 1-877-890-9332. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is 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 (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).

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Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at <a href="https://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration">www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration</a>. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.