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Dear Sample A. Sample:

Hilldrup Companies, Inc. ("Hilldrup" or "we") writes to inform you of an incident that may affect the security of some of your information as a current or former employee of Hilldrup. This notice provides information about the event, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information. We are also providing all potentially impacted individuals with two (2) years of complimentary credit monitoring with identity theft protection at no cost, as discussed below. Please note, the Massachusetts data privacy statute restricts the content permissible in this notification.

Our investigation has not definitively determined your information was accessed and/or acquired; however, we wanted to provide you this notice and access to credit monitoring services in an abundance of caution. We have determined following types of information relating to you were present in impacted systems and may be at risk: name, address; [Extra2].

Data privacy and security are among our highest priorities, and upon learning of this matter we promptly commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of the event. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information, we are also reviewing and enhancing policies and procedures, and implementing additional safeguards. As an added precaution, we are also offering you complimentary access to two (2) years of credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services, through Experian. You will need to enroll yourself in these services if you wish to do so, as we are not able to activate them on your behalf. Please review the instructions contained in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information* for additional information on these services.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You may also review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information* for additional steps you may take and information on what you can do to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud. We also encourage you to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring we are offering you.

If you have questions about this letter, please call (888) 994-0267 toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am - 10 pm Central, or Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 7 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Please be prepared to provide your engagement number

Sincerely,

# Russ Watson

Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer Hilldrup Companies, Inc.



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## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for twenty-four (24) months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. 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 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 Identity Restoration is available to you for twenty-four (24) months 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 www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary twenty-four (24)-month 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:

- Ensure that you enroll by March 31, 2023 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <u>https://www.experianidworks.com/credit</u>
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

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 (888) 994-0267 by **March 31, 2023**. Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers 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 gets 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, 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 credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/		https://www.transunion.com/
credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	credit-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
		TransUnion Fraud Alert,
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	19016
		TransUnion Credit Freeze,
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA
105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	9554, Allen, TX 75013	19094

### **Additional Information**

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; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 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.

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.