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Dear <<<Name 1>> <<<Name 2>>:

[TFN] Or Visit: https://response.idx.us/customending

Helping Hands Hawaii ("Helping Hands") is writing to notify you of a recent incident that may affect the privacy of some of your personal information. This notice provides you with information about the incident, our response, and additional steps you may take to protect your information, should you determine it is appropriate to do so. We are also offering you complimentary credit and fraud monitoring for 24 months through IDX, at no cost to you; enrollment instructions are found on the next page.

Helping Hands takes this incident and security of your information seriously. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are reviewing our policies and procedures.

The information of yours potentially at risk as a result of this event includes your name, Social Security number, and/or financial account information.

As an added precaution, we are also offering two years of complimentary access to credit monitoring, fraud consultation, and identity theft restoration services through IDX. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the attached enrollment instructions.

## Enroll in Credit Monitoring

**1. Website and Enrollment.** Go to <u>https://response.idx.us/customending</u> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.

**2.** Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

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 1year 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

To Enroll, Please Call:

Enrollment Code: [XXXXXXXX]

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 may need to provide the following information, depending on whether you make the request online, by phone, or by mail:

- 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.);
- 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.

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

| Equifax                                  | Experian                       | TransUnion                         |
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| https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit- |                                | https://www.transunion.com/credit- |
| report-services/                         | https://www.experian.com/help/ | help                               |
| 888-298-0045                             | 1-888-397-3742                 | 1-800-916-8800                     |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069     | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box | TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box   |
| Atlanta, GA 30348-5069                   | 9554, Allen, TX 75013          | 2000, Chester, PA 19016            |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788   | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.   | TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.     |
| 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; <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.

[Contact Information/Call Center Information]

Sincerely,

Helping Hands Hawaii