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August 7, 2023

NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Valencia Wilberding & Romero understands the importance of protecting your information. We are sending you this notice to inform you that it recently identified and addressed a security incident that may have involved your personal information. This notice describes the incident, outlines the measures that we have taken in response, and advises you on steps you can take to further protect your information.

What Happened? On July 28, 2022, Valencia Wilberding & Romero became aware of a data security incident that impacted its server infrastructure and took its systems offline. We immediately undertook efforts to restore our servers and undertook additional affirmative steps to safeguard the security of data maintained on its systems. We also simultaneously retained a forensic investigation firm to determine the nature of the security compromise and identify any individuals whose information may have been compromised.

What Information Was Involved? The forensic investigation determined that access to Valencia Wilberding & Romero's systems occurred on approximately July 19, 2022 to July 28, 2022. The investigation also identified certain files that may have been accessed or acquired in connection with the incident. In continuing our thorough investigation, we undertook a comprehensive manual review process to review these files and identify the specific individuals with personal information contained therein. This comprehensive manual review process concluded on or about July 7, 2023.

In an abundance of caution, Valencia Wilberding & Romero is providing this notification to you as your personal information may have been accessed and/or acquired in connection with the incident, including Social Security number and medical information. We have obtained confirmation to the best of our ability that the information is no longer in possession of the third party(ies) associated with this incident, and it is entirely possible that your specific personal information *was not compromised* as a result of the incident.

What We Are Doing. As stated above, following the data security incident, Valencia Wilberding & Romero immediately undertook efforts to restore its servers, and also undertook additional affirmative steps to safeguard the security of data maintained on its systems. We retained a forensic investigation firm to thoroughly investigate the incident. Please be advised that we are continuing to work closely with leading security experts to identify and implement measures to further strengthen the security of their systems to help prevent this from happening in the future.

FREE CREDIT MONITORING/INSURANCE: Additionally, we are offering you a free <<12/24>>-month membership to Equifax Complete Premier credit monitoring service. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. **This product also includes various features such as up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible, subject to policy limitations and exclusions. Equifax Complete Premier is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score.** For more information on identity theft protection and Equifax Complete Premier, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary <<12/24>>-month membership, please

see the additional information attached to this letter. ***TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE CREDIT MONITORING OFFER, YOU MUST ENROLL BY <<ENROLLMENT DEADLINE>>.***

What You Can Do. We are aware of how important your personal information is to you. We encourage you to protect yourself from potential harm associated with this incident by enrolling in the credit monitoring service, closely monitoring all mail, email, or other contact from individuals not known to you personally, and to avoid answering questions or providing additional information to such unknown individuals. We also remind you to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for unauthorized activity, and to report any such activity or any suspicious contact whatsoever to law enforcement if warranted.

For More Information. For further information on steps you can take to prevent against possible fraud or identity theft, please see the attachments to this letter. Valencia Wilberding & Romero understands the importance of protecting your personal information, and deeply regrets any concern this may have caused to you. **Should you have any questions and would like further information regarding the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact 833-627-2768, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday.**

Sincerely,

Thomas Wilberding
Partner, Valencia Wilberding & Romero

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For residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT. You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, which promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. The FTC has published a list of the primary rights created by the FCRA (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>), and that article refers individuals seeking more information to visit www.ftc.gov/credit. The FTC's list includes the following FCRA rights: (1) To receive a copy of your credit report, which must contain all the information in your file at the time of your request; (2) To receive a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months from each of the nationwide credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion; (3) To receive a free credit report if a company takes adverse action against you (e.g. denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment), and you ask for your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the credit reporting company. You are also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to look for a job within 60 days; if you are on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft; (4) To ask for a credit score; (5) To dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; (6) To obtain corrections to your report or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (7) Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (8) To restrict access to your file and to require consent from you for reports to be provided to employer; (9) To limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you receive based on information in your credit report; and (10) To seek damages from violators. Note - Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.



<FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>

Enter your Activation Code: <ACTIVATION CODE>

Enrollment Deadline: <DEADLINE MMMM DD, YYYY>

Equifax Complete™ Premier

*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

Key Features

- Annual access to your 3-bureau credit report and VantageScore¹ credit scores
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report and 1-bureau VantageScore credit score
- 3-bureau credit monitoring² with email notifications of key changes to your credit reports
- WebScan notifications³ when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts⁴, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock⁵
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft⁶.
- Lost Wallet Assistance if your wallet is lost or stolen, and one-stop assistance in canceling and reissuing credit, debit and personal identification cards.

Enrollment Instructions

Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of <ACTIVATION CODE> then click "Submit" and follow these 4 steps:

1. **Register:**

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header.

Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

2. **Create Account:**

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

3. **Verify Identity:**

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

4. **Checkout:**

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

¹The credit scores provided are based on the VantageScore® 3.0 model. For three-bureau VantageScore credit scores, data from Equifax®, Experian®, and TransUnion® are used respectively. Any one-bureau VantageScore uses Equifax data. Third parties use many different types of credit scores and are likely to use a different type of credit score to assess your creditworthiness. ²Credit monitoring from Experian and TransUnion will take several days to begin. ³WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded.

⁴The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC. ⁵Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit reporting agency. Entities that may still have access to your Equifax credit report include: companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.co ⁶The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company, under group or blanket policies issued to Equifax, Inc., or its respective affiliates for the benefit of its Members. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.