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M1 Finance LLC ("M1") is writing to make you aware of a risk to your personal data that we recently discovered so that you can take additional measures to protect your personal information should you wish to do so. This letter provides information about available steps you can take to help protect your personal information.

The personal information involved included your name and your M1 brokerage account number.

M1 takes the protection of personal information seriously. As soon as we discovered the incident, we engaged in an investigation to identify and notify individuals whose personal information we believe was accessed by unauthorized actors. We continue to enhance our security controls as appropriate to minimize the risk of any similar incident in the future.

In addition, the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information includes additional information on general steps you can take to monitor and protect your personal information. We encourage you to remain vigilant against potential identity theft and fraud by carefully reviewing credit reports and account statements to ensure that all activity is valid. Any questionable charges should be promptly reported to the company with which the account is maintained.

If you have any questions about this matter or would like additional information, please refer to the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information or call (312) 600-2883. This call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Central Time, except major NYSE holidays.

Sincerely, M1 Customer Support

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### For Residents of Massachusetts

You have a right to file or obtain a police report related to this incident. You also have the right to request a credit freeze from a consumer reporting agency, free of charge, by following the instructions in the "Security Freezes" section below.

### **Review Your Account Statements**

Carefully review account statements and credit reports to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained.

#### **Order Your Free Credit Report**

To order your free annual credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.ftc.gov and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three credit bureaus provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

Upon receiving your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you have not requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names; the credit bureau will be able to tell if this is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in information (such as home address and Social Security Number).

If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit bureau at the telephone number on the report. Errors may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing. Information that cannot be explained should also be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

# **Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission**

If you detect any unauthorized transactions in any of your financial accounts, promptly notify the appropriate payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incidents of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the matter to your local law enforcement authorities, state Attorney General and the FTC.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft by using the contact information below:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft/

# Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File

To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a free fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a credit grantor checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the credit grantor gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the credit grantor to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows flagging of your file with a fraud alert at all three credit bureaus.

Equifax | P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348 | 1-888-766-0008 | www.equifax.com

Experian | P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 | 1-888-397-3742 | <u>www.experian.com</u>

TransUnion | P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 | 1-800-680-7289 | www.transunion.com

### **Security Freezes**

You have the right to request a credit freeze from a consumer reporting agency, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit.

Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit bureau. To place a security freeze on your credit report you must contact the credit reporting agency by phone, mail, or secure electronic means and provide proper identification of your identity. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for them as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

Below, please find relevant contact information for the three consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze | P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 | 1-800-685-1111 | www.equifax.com

Experian Security Freeze | P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 | 1-888-397-3742 | www.experian.com

TransUnion | P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 | 1-888-909-8872 | www.transunion.com

Once you have submitted your request, the credit reporting agency must place the security freeze no later than 1 business day after receiving a request by phone or secure electronic means, and no later than 3 business days after receiving a request by mail. No later than five business days after placing the security freeze, the credit reporting agency will send you confirmation and information on how you can remove the freeze in the future.