



Dear :

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson PC. ("Broening Oberg"). We're writing with important information regarding a recent data security incident that involved some of your information. We want to provide you with information about the incident, let you know about the services we are providing to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

Upon learning of this issue, we immediately began efforts to remediate the incident and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working closely with external cyber security professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on December 1, 2023, that certain of your personal information was impacted as a result of the incident, specifically your

We currently have no evidence indicating that any personal information has been used for identity theft or financial fraud as a result of the incident, however, out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to make you aware of the incident.

To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are providing you with 24 months of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, A Zero Fox Company. This service 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 service is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information, contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services go to or scan the QR image and use the Enrollment Code provided above. Please note the deadline to enroll is March 15, 2024.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We remain fully committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at this response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9am to 9pm Eastern.

Sincerely,

Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson PC 2800 N Central Ave, Suite 1600 Phoenix, AZ 85004

#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

### 1. Enrolling in Complimentary Credit Monitoring.

**Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image or go to and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.

**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.

**Telephone.** Contact IDX at to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

#### 2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

We recommend that you place an initial one (1) year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/(800) 525-6285 **Experian** 

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 https://www.experian.com/frau d/center.html (888) 397-3742 **TransUnion** 

Fraud Victim Assistance Department P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts (800) 680-7289

#### 3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a>
(888) 298-0045

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 https://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

## 4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

# 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a>, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name, or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

**Massachusetts Residents:** Under Massachusetts law, your minor has the right to obtain a police report in regard to this incident. If your minor is the victim of identity theft, your minor also has the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.