

February 2, 2022

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Via electronic-mail: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re:	Our Client	:	Schwartz & Greenbaum, LLC
	Matter	:	Data Security Incident on November 29, 2021
	Wilson Elser File #	:	16516.01712

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

We represent Schwartz & Greenbaum, LLC (“Schwartz & Greenbaum”) with respect to a data security incident described in more detail below. Schwartz & Greenbaum’s mailing address is: 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, Maryland 21204. Schwartz & Greenbaum takes the security and privacy of the information in its control seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

This letter will serve to inform you of the nature of the security breach, the number of Maryland residents being notified, what information has been compromised, and the steps that Schwartz & Greenbaum is taking to secure the integrity of its systems. We have also enclosed hereto a sample of the notification made to the potentially impacted individuals, which includes an offer of free credit monitoring.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

On November 29, 2021, Schwartz & Greenbaum was the target of a ransomware attack that may have resulted in the exposure of personal information. Although we have found no evidence that any information has been specifically accessed for misuse, it is possible that the potentially impacted individuals’ names, mailing addresses, dates of birth, social security numbers, driver’s license numbers, financial information, and/or personal health information could have been exposed as a result of this attack.

As of this writing, Schwartz & Greenbaum has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (November 29, 2021 to present).

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2. Number of Maryland Residents Affected

A total of five thousand one hundred forty-three (5,143) residents of Maryland were potentially affected by this security incident. These residents are current or former clients of Schwartz & Greenbaum or were involved in litigation and/or legal issues with current or former clients of Schwartz & Greenbaum. Notification letters to the identified individuals will be mailed on February 2, 2022 by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letters are included with this letter.

3. Steps Taken

Immediately upon learning of this incident, Schwartz & Greenbaum contacted a reputable third party forensic team to assist with its investigation. Since then, Schwartz & Greenbaum has been working with law enforcement to help respond to this incident, along with cybersecurity experts to review all policies and procedures relating to the security of Schwartz & Greenbaum's systems.

Although Schwartz & Greenbaum is not aware of any evidence of misuse of personal information, Schwartz & Greenbaum extended to all potentially impacted individuals an offer for free credit monitoring and identity theft protection through IDX. This service will include 12 months of credit monitoring, along with a fully managed identity theft recovery service, should the need arise.

4. Contact Information

Schwartz & Greenbaum remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Tawana.Johnson@WilsonElser.com or 470.419.6653.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP



Tawana B. Johnson, Esq.

Copy: Robert Walker, Esq. (Wilson Elser LLP)

Enclosure: *Sample Notification Letter*



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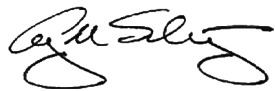
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Sincerely,



Craig M. Schwartz
Member
SCHWARTZ & GREENBAUM, LLC

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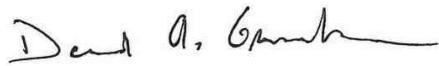
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To Enroll, Please Call:
1-833-806-0310

Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>
Enrollment Code: <<ENROLLMENT>>

Via First-Class Mail

<<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>>
<<ADDRESS1>>
<<ADDRESS2>>
<<CITY>>, <<STATE>> <<ZIP>>

February 2, 2022

Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>>,

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have exposed your sensitive personal information. We take the security of your personal information very seriously and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information.

What Happened and What Information was Involved:

On or about November 29, 2021 Schwartz & Greenbaum, LLC ("Schwartz & Greenbaum") detected that it was the target of a cybersecurity attack. An unauthorized third party attempted to infiltrate Schwartz & Greenbaum's computer network and demand a ransom payment. Upon detecting this incident, we moved quickly to secure our network environment and launched a thorough investigation. The investigation was performed with the help of independent IT security and forensic investigators to determine the scope and extent of the potential unauthorized access to our systems and any sensitive information.

Although we have found no evidence that your information has been specifically accessed for misuse, it is possible that your name, mailing address, date of birth, social security number, and/or financial information, to the extent that such may have existed on the network, could have been exposed.

As of this writing, Schwartz & Greenbaum has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (November 29, 2021 to present). We have taken all efforts possible to mitigate any further exposure of your personal information and related identity theft.

What We Are Doing

We take the security of all information in our control very seriously. Given this, we have taken and are continuing to take steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future by implementing additional safeguards and enhanced security measures to better protect the privacy and security of information in our systems. We have also reviewed and taken steps to enhance our policies and procedures relating to the security of our systems and servers, as well as our information life cycle management.

What You Can Do

We are offering you credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, a leading identity protection technology company. These services include <<12/24>> months of credit monitoring, as well as fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve any issues if your identity is compromised.

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and enroll in free IDX services by calling 1-833-806-0310 or going to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX is available Monday through Friday 9 am – 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is May 2, 2022.

IDX representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

Enclosed, you will find additional information regarding the resources available to you, and the steps you can take to further protect your personal information.

For More Information

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call IDX services at 1-833-806-0310, Monday through Friday 9 am – 9 pm Eastern Time.

Schwartz & Greenbaum values the security of your personal data, and we apologize for any inconvenience this incident has caused.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Wolfe
Of Counsel
SCHWARTZ & GREENBAUM, LLC

Additional Information

Credit Reports: You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her 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. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-349-9960 https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/	Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-800-909-8872 www.transunion.com/credit-freeze
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Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf);
- TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or
- Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>).

A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

File Police Report: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

FTC and Attorneys General: You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

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