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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
E-mail: idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Guardian Fueling Technologies, LLC (“Guardian Fueling”) located at 9452 Philips Highway, Suite 2, Jacksonville, FL 32256, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one (1) Maryland resident. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Guardian Fueling does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law, the applicability of the Maryland data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

On April 20, 2022, Guardian Fueling became aware of suspicious activity within their network. Guardian Fueling immediately took steps to secure the environment, restore operations, and launched an investigation with third-party forensic specialist to determine the nature and scope of the activity. On May 19, 2022, Guardian Fueling determined that certain files and folders may have been impacted by an unknown individual. On July 1, 2022, Guardian Fueling identified potentially impacted individuals located in Maryland, and Guardian Fueling is notifying those individuals of this incident because some of their information may have been impacted. The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, date of birth, driver’s license number, and/or Social Security number.

Notice to Maryland Resident

On or about July 15, 2022, Guardian Fueling began provided written notice of this incident to one (1) Maryland resident. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as ***Exhibit A***. Guardian Fueling's investigation into this incident is ongoing and this notification may be supplemented if it is determined that a significant number of additional Maryland residents are impacted.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Guardian Fueling moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Guardian Fueling systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Guardian Fueling notified federal law enforcement regarding the event and is cooperating in the investigation into this incident. Guardian Fueling is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Guardian Fueling is providing access to credit monitoring services for two (2) years, through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Guardian Fueling is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Guardian Fueling is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4784.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Boogay', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeffrey J. Boogay of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



Return Mail Processing
PO Box 589
Claysburg, PA 16625-0589

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Dear Sample A. Sample:

Guardian Fueling Technologies, LLC (“Guardian Fueling”) is writing to make you aware of an incident that may affect the security of some of your information. While we are not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, we are providing you with an overview of the incident, our ongoing response, and resources available to you right now to help protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On April 20, 2022, Guardian Fueling became aware of suspicious activity within our network. We immediately took steps to secure the environment, restore operations, and launched an investigation with third-party forensic specialist to determine the nature and scope of the activity. On May 19, 2022, we determined that certain files and folders may have been impacted by an unknown individual. After further investigation, on July 1, 2022, Guardian Fueling determined some of your information may have been impacted and is notifying you out of an abundance of caution.

What Information Was Involved? The potentially impacted information may have contained your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and/or driver’s license number (if provided). Although we have no evidence to indicate that any information was subject to actual or attempted misuse, we are providing you with this notice out of an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of your information in our care is one of our highest priorities. When we discovered this incident, we immediately worked to secure our systems, and began an investigation to determine what data might be at risk. Guardian Fueling conducted a review of its policies and procedures and enhanced existing security measures to further protect the security of information in our possession. We reported this incident to law enforcement and are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that you may take steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

As an added precaution, we are offering you immediate access to credit monitoring and identity theft protection services for 24 months at no cost to you, through Experian IdentityWorks. You can find information on how to enroll in these services in the below “*Steps You Can Take to Help Better Protect Personal Information.*” We encourage you to enroll in these services as we are not able to do so on your behalf.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors over the next 12 to 24 months. Please also review the information contained in the enclosed “*Steps You Can Take to Help Better Protect Personal Information.*”

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For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at (888) 994-0284, toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Central, or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number B055679. We take this incident very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

Guardian Fueling Technologies, LLC

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP BETTER PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by October 31, 2022** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **(888) 994-0284** by **October 31, 2022**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B055679** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24 MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance^{**}:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

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Monitor Your Accounts

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 www.annualcreditreport.com 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 1-year 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 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 will need to provide the following information:

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.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

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

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069, Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

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; www.identitytheft.gov; 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.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. Guardian Fueling Technologies, LLC is located at 9452 Philips Highway, Suite 2, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

