

July 25, 2022

Via E-Mail: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Attorney General Brian E. Frosh
Office of the Attorney General
Identity Theft Unit
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

FisherBroyles, LLP represents Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society (“SVLAS”), located at 227 West Cherry Street, Marion, VA 24354, with respect to a data security incident described in more detail below. SVLAS 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.

1. Description of the Incident.

On or about January 18, 2021, SVLAS experienced a ransomware incident, which may have resulted in the inadvertent exposure of personal information. SVLAS has since worked diligently to determine exactly what happened and what information was involved as a result of this Incident. Based on the results of an investigation conducted by third-party forensic vendors, SVLAS determined that the following elements of personal information may potentially be accessed and/or acquired by an unauthorized individual: names, addresses, dates of birth, driver’s license number, Social Security numbers, financial account information, medical information, health insurance information and confidential and/or material information. The elements of personal information that may have been exposed as a result of this incident varies per individual.

As of this writing, SVLAS has not received any reports of fraud or identity theft related to this matter.

2. Number of Maryland residents affected.

SVLAS discovered that the Incident may have resulted in the unauthorized exposure of information pertaining to one (1) Maryland resident. A notification letter to this individual will be mailed on July 25, 2022, via First Class Mail. A Sample copy of the notification letter is attached as **Exhibit A**.

3. Steps taken.

Upon discovery of the Incident, SVLAS worked with cybersecurity counsel to investigate how the Incident occurred and what information was potentially compromised. SVLAS is committed to ensuring the security of all information in its control and is taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. Additionally, all notified individuals whose Social Security number and/or financial account information were potentially compromised were offered complimentary credit monitoring and/or identity theft services for twelve (12) months or as required under the applicable state law.

4. Contact information.

SVLAS remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information within its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Richard.Reiter@fisherbroyles.com or (914) 523-2976.

Very truly yours,

Richard Reiter

Richard Reiter, Partner
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EXHIBIT A



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You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and October 25, 2022. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

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For residents of Oregon: State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

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Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com

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

New York Office of Attorney General Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224 1-800-771-7755 <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>

For residents of Massachusetts: 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.

For residents of all states:

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.

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

equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

1-800-349-9960

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

experian.com/freeze/center.html

1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

transunion.com/credit-freeze

1-888-909-8872

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.