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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 Foreman Friedman PA (“Foreman Friedman”) located at 2 South Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2300 Miami, FL 33131, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to nine (9) Maryland residents. This notice may be supplemented with new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Foreman Friedman 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 September 16, 2021, Foreman Friedman discovered suspicious activity related to certain servers within its environment. Foreman Friedman immediately took steps to secure its systems and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the event, with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists. The investigation later determined that certain files stored on Foreman Friedman’s systems were accessed and/or acquired by an unknown actor on or about September 16, 2021. In response, Foreman Friedman undertook a comprehensive and time-consuming programmatic and manual review of the impacted files to determine the type of information stored therein, and to whom the information pertained. Foreman Friedman recently completed this extensive review process and began notifying the identified individuals. Foreman Friedman is unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of the potentially impacted information.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access for Maryland residents include name, and medical/health information.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On August 24, 2022, Foreman Friedman will begin providing written notice of this incident to nine (9) Maryland residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as ***Exhibit A***.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Foreman Friedman moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of its systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Foreman Friedman notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. Foreman Friedman is also working to implement additional security measures to further protect its network. Foreman Friedman is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year through Kroll, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Foreman Friedman is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. Foreman Friedman 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) 930-4788.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul R", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul T. McGurkin, Jr. of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

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<<address_1>>
<<address_2>>
<<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>>
<<country>>

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Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>,

Foreman Friedman PA (“Foreman Friedman”) is writing to notify you of an incident that may have impacted the security of some of your personal information. Foreman Friedman represents individuals and cruise lines in personal injury lawsuits and may have obtained your personal information during the course of litigation. This letter provides an overview of the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information, should you find it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? Foreman Friedman previously discovered suspicious activity related to certain servers within our environment. We immediately took steps to secure our systems and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the event, with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists. The investigation later determined that certain files stored on our systems were accessed and/or acquired by an unknown actor on or about September 16, 2021. In response, Foreman Friedman undertook a comprehensive and time-consuming programmatic and manual review of the impacted files to determine the type of information stored therein, and to whom the information pertained. We recently completed this extensive review process, and identified personal information pertaining to you was located within the files potentially impacted by this event. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information as a result of this incident, we take the security of data we hold very seriously and are notifying you out of an abundance of caution.

What Information was Involved? Our review determined that the following types of information were present in the impacted files: <<b2b_text_2 (“name” and data elements)>>.

What We Are Doing. The security of information on our systems is one of our highest priorities, and we have strict security measures in place to help protect the information in our care. Following discovery of this incident, we took immediate steps to further secure our environment and implemented additional security measures to further protect against similar incidents moving forward.

We are also offering identity monitoring services for 12 months through Kroll at no cost to you. The deadline to activate these services is <<b2b_text_6 (date)>>. Information and instructions on how to activate these complimentary services can be found in the “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information” below. We encourage you to activate these services, as we are not able to do so on your behalf.

What You Can Do. While Foreman Friedman has no evidence of any actual or attempted misuse of your information related to this incident, 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. You may also activate the complimentary identity monitoring services we are making available to you. Further information can be found in the “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information.”

For More Information. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call our dedicated assistance line [TFN](#) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding major U.S. holidays).

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you. Protecting your information is very important to us, and we remain committed to safeguarding the information in our care.

Sincerely,

Foreman Friedman PA

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Activate Your Identity Monitoring

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until <<b2b_text_6 (date)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s_n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com.

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

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 credit 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 fraud alert or 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
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-395-6938
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 District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

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.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. [There are \[X\] Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.](#)