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VIA EMAIL (IDTHEFT@OAG.STATE.MD.US)

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

Re: Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Grellas Shah LLP (“Grellas”), to notify your office of a security incident. Grellas is a law firm located in Cupertino, CA.

Grellas recently concluded an investigation regarding a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain employee email accounts. Upon discovery, Grellas took steps to secure the email accounts. A cybersecurity firm was engaged, and the investigation determined that an unauthorized party was able to access certain employee email accounts between December 20, 2021, and March 28, 2022.

The investigation was unable to determine which emails and attachments the unauthorized actor accessed. Accordingly, Grellas conducted a review of the emails and attachments in the mailboxes to identify any personal information that may have been accessed. We received the results of that review on July 15, 2022, and determined that an email or attachment contained the name and Social Security number of eleven Maryland residents.

Grellas is preparing to mail notification letters to the Maryland residents in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 14-3504¹. Grellas is offering a complimentary one-year membership in credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Equifax to the involved individuals. Grellas is also

¹ This report does not waive Grellas’ objection that Maryland lacks regulatory authority over it related to any claims that may arise from this incident.

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establishing a dedicated call center for individuals to call with questions about the incident or enrolling in credit monitoring services.

To reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future, Grellas implemented additional measures to enhance its cybersecurity defenses and security protocols and continues to educate its employees on the importance of data security.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer E. Costa
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Enclosure



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Dear <<Name 1>>:

Grellas Shah recognizes the importance of protecting the information we maintain. We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information. This notice explains the incident, measures we have taken, and additional steps you may consider taking in response.

We recently concluded an investigation regarding a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain employee email accounts. Upon discovery, we took steps to secure the email accounts. A cybersecurity firm was engaged, and the investigation determined that an unauthorized party was able to access certain employee email accounts, between December 20, 2021, and March 28, 2022.

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<<The investigation was unable to determine which emails and attachments the unauthorized actor accessed. Accordingly, we conducted a review of the emails and attachments in the mailboxes to identify any personal information that may have been accessed. We completed that review on July 15, 2022 and determined that an email or attachment contained your name and one or more of the following: Social Security number and/or health information.

We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. We are offering you a free two-year membership in Equifax Credit Watch® Gold. This product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. Equifax Credit Watch® Gold is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on Equifax Credit Watch® Gold, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response, please see the pages that follow this letter.>>

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<<The investigation was unable to determine which emails and attachments the unauthorized actor accessed. Accordingly, we conducted a review of the emails and attachments in the mailboxes to identify any personal information that may have been accessed. We completed that review on July 15, 2022 and determined that an email or attachment contained your name and one or more of the following: Social Security number, driver's license or state-issued identification number, passport number, financial account number, payment card number, and/or medical information.

We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. We are offering you a free one-year membership in Equifax Credit Watch® Gold. This product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. Equifax Credit Watch® Gold is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on Equifax Credit Watch® Gold, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response, please see the pages that follow this letter.>>

We regret this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience. To help prevent something like this from happening again, we have implemented additional measures to enhance our existing security protocols.

If you have any questions, please call 855-935-4309 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time.

Sincerely,

Grellas Shah LLP



Enter your Activation Code: <<Activation Code>>
Enrollment Deadline: <<Enrollment Deadline>>

Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold

*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product.

Key Features

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
- WebScan notifications¹ when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts², which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock³
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft⁴

Enrollment Instructions

Go to www.equifax.com/activate.

Enter your unique Activation Code of <<Activation Code>> then click “Submit” and follow these 4 steps:

1. **Register:**
Complete the form with your contact information and click “Continue”.
If you already have a myEquifax account, click the ‘Sign in here’ link under the “Let’s get started” header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4.
2. **Create Account:**
Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.
3. **Verify Identity:**
To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.
4. **Checkout:**
Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.
Click ‘Sign Me Up’ to finish enrolling.
You’re done!
The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.
Click “View My Product” to access the product features.

¹ WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers’ personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers’ personal information is at risk of being traded.

² The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC.

³ Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit reporting agency. Entities that may still have access to your Equifax credit report include: companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer’s identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.com.

⁴ The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company, under group or blanket policies issued to Equifax, Inc., or its respective affiliates for the benefit of its Members. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

- *Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.identitytheft.gov

Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:

Fraud Alerts: There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

Credit or Security Freezes: You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

How do I place a freeze on my credit reports? There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- **Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
- **TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com
- **Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com

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 bureau will provide you with 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.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

Grellas Shah is located at 20400 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 280, Cupertino, CA 95014 and can be reached at 408-255-6310.

Additional Information for Residents of the Following States

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<<**Connecticut:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, www.ct.gov/ag.

District of Columbia: You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, www.oag.dc.gov.>>

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<<**Maryland:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, www.oag.state.md.us

New York: You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies: *New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection*, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and *New York State Office of the Attorney General*, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>

North Carolina: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, www.ncdoj.gov

Rhode Island: This incident involves approximately <<RI Count>> individual(s) in Rhode Island. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to file and obtain a copy of a police report. You also have the right to request a security freeze, as described above. You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Rhode Island Attorney General's Office*, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, 1-401-274-4400, www.riag.ri.gov.>>