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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 Klatzkin & Company LLP (“Klatzkin”), located at 1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road, Hamilton, NJ 08690, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to approximately fifteen (15) Maryland residents. This notice may be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Klatzkin 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 or about May 5, 2022, Klatzkin became aware of anomalous activity related to the filing of tax returns on behalf of certain Klatzkin clients. Klatzkin immediately launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party cybersecurity specialists, to determine the nature and scope of the event. The investigation determined that beginning on or about March 1, 2022, an unauthorized actor gained access to certain Klatzkin systems and may have viewed or taken certain information contained in those systems.

Klatzkin conducted a thorough and in-depth review of the information within those systems to identify individuals with personal that was potentially accessible. Klatzkin concluded this review on September 21, 2022. The information related to Maryland residents that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, Passport, driver’s license, financial account information, medical information, Medicare/Medicaid

identification information, health insurance information, and other medical benefits and entitlement information.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On October 20, 2022, Klatzkin began providing written notice of this incident to potentially impacted individuals, including approximately fifteen (15) 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, Klatzkin moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Klatzkin's systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Klatzkin is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Klatzkin is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Klatzkin 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. Klatzkin is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and credit 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.

Klatzkin is also providing written notice of this incident to relevant state regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4554.

Very truly yours,

Matthew V. Toldero of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



P.O Box 989728
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

To Enroll, Please Call:
1-833-814-1730
Or Visit:
<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>
Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment Code>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

NOTICE OF <<VARIABLE HEADER FIELD>>

October 20, 2022

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Klatzkin & Company LLP ("Klatzkin") is writing to inform you of a recent event that may impact the security of some of your information. This notice provides information about the event, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Happened? On or about May 5, 2022, Klatzkin became aware of anomalous activity related to the filing of tax returns on behalf of certain Klatzkin clients. Klatzkin immediately launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party cybersecurity specialists, to determine the nature and scope of the event. The investigation determined that beginning on or about March 1, 2022, an unauthorized actor gained access to certain Klatzkin systems and may have viewed or taken certain information contained in those systems. Therefore, Klatzkin conducted a thorough and in-depth review of the information within those systems to identify individuals with personal information that was potentially accessible. We concluded this review on September 21, 2022.

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined that your name, address, <<Variable Text: Data>> may have been accessible.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities. Upon learning of the event, we moved quickly to investigate and respond to the event, assess the security of our systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. We are notifying potentially affected individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is necessary to do so. We regret any inconvenience or concern this event may cause. As an added precaution, we are offering credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX for <<Membership Offering Length>> months, at no cost to you.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for suspicious activity and to report any suspicious activity promptly to your bank or financial institution. Additional information and resources are included in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take To Protect Personal Information*. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services available to you. Enrollment instructions are attached to this letter.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about this event that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call the dedicated assistance line at 1-833-814-1730, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9 pm Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays. Again, we take the privacy and security of information in our care very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this event may cause you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Martin, CPA
Managing Partner
Klatzkin & Company LLP

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring and Identity Theft Protection Services

1. Website and Enrollment. Go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the enrollment deadline is January 20, 2023.

2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-833-814-1730 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

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 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 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. Klatzkin & Company LLP is located at 1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Sq. Rd., Hamilton, NJ 08690.

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 is 1 Rhode Island resident impacted by this incident.