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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

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Dreyfuss Williams & Associates (“Dreyfuss Williams”) located at 6060 Rockside Woods Boulevard North, Suite 235, Independence, Ohio 44131, and write to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to approximately one (1) Maryland resident. By providing this notice, Dreyfuss Williams 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 December 21, 2022, Dreyfuss Williams identified suspicious activity on its network. Dreyfuss Williams immediately launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party cybersecurity specialists, to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Dreyfuss Williams also reported the event to federal law enforcement. The investigation subsequently determined that certain computer systems were accessed by an unknown actor between December 5, 2022 and December 21, 2022, and certain information on those systems was viewed or downloaded. Dreyfuss Williams then undertook a comprehensive review of its internal records to determine what information was present on the systems and identify contact information for potentially affected individuals to provide notifications. This review recently completed.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access for the Maryland resident includes name, address, Social Security number, and financial account information.

Notice to the Maryland Resident

On or about February 24, 2023, Dreyfuss Williams provided written notice of this event to potentially affected individuals, including one (1) Maryland resident. Written notice was provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto as ***Exhibit A***.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon becoming aware of the event, Dreyfuss Williams moved quickly to investigate and respond, assess the security of its systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Dreyfuss Williams reported the event to federal law enforcement. Dreyfuss Williams is also implementing additional technical and administrative safeguards and training to its employees. Dreyfuss Williams is providing access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services for twenty-four (24) months through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this event, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Dreyfuss Williams is providing potentially affected individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Dreyfuss Williams 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. Dreyfuss Williams is also notifying other appropriate state regulators.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4802.

Very truly yours,

Samuel Sica, III of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



Attorneys & Counselors at Law

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ANYTOWN, US 12345-6789



February 24, 2023

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Dreyfuss Williams & Associates (“Dreyfuss Williams”) writes to inform you of a recent event that may affect the confidentiality of information related to you. This letter provides information about the event, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information, should you determine it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On December 21, 2022, we identified suspicious activity on our network. We immediately launched an investigation to secure our systems and determine the nature and scope of the activity. We also reported the event to federal law enforcement. The investigation determined that certain computer systems were accessed by an unknown actor between December 5, 2022 and December 21, 2022, and certain information related to our employees was viewed or downloaded. We then undertook a comprehensive review of our internal records to determine what information was present on the systems and identify contact information to provide notifications. This review recently completed.

What Information Was Affected? The types of information that may have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, Social Security number, and financial account information.

What We Are Doing. We take this event and the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this event, we moved quickly to investigate and respond, assess the security of our network, and notify potentially affected individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we reviewed existing policies and procedures, enhanced certain administrative and technical controls, and provided additional security training to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event. As an added precaution, we are offering complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services for 24 months through Experian.

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. We also encourage you to review the information contained in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. In addition, you may enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services available to you. Enrollment instructions are enclosed with this letter.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, you may call our designated assistance line at **(833) 708-2894**, toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am – 10 pm Central, or Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number **B086468**. You may also write to Dreyfuss Williams at 6060 Rockside Woods Boulevard North, Suite 235, Independence, Ohio 44131.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Williams
Managing Partner
Dreyfuss Williams & Associates

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP 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 May 31, 2023** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: 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 **(833) 708-2894** by May 31, 2023. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B086468** 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.

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 one-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. You should be aware, however, 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
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
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. 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.