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March 28, 2023

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 The Arc of Essex County (“Arc”) located at 123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to ten (10) Maryland residents. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Arc 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 January 27, 2023, Arc detected the presence of malware on its computer network. In response, Arc took immediate steps to ensure the security of its network and promptly investigated the identified activity to assess its nature and scope, and to identify any data potentially at risk. Through the investigation, Arc determined limited data contained on one server was potentially accessed or acquired by an unauthorized actor.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, Social Security number, driver’s license number, or financial account information.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On or about March 28, 2023, Arc provided written notice of this incident to ten (10) 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

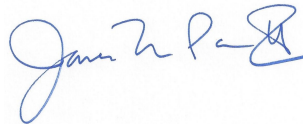
Upon discovering the event, Arc moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Arc systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Arc is also working to implement additional cyber safeguards and security. Arc is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year, through TransUnion, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Arc is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Arc 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) 930-4741.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Paulino", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Paulino of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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EXHIBIT A



Return Mail Processing Center
P.O. Box 6336
Portland, OR 97228-6336

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Dear <<Name 1>>:

The Arc of Essex County (“Arc”) is writing to provide further information regarding an event that may affect the privacy of some of your information. This letter provides you with information about the event, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services previously offered through TransUnion.

What Happened? On or around January 27, 2023, Arc detected the presence of malware on our computer network. We quickly began an investigation to assess the nature and scope of the event, and determined that an unauthorized actor accessed certain files within our network environment, including files containing some of your information.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined the following types of employment information may have been included within the impacted files, and may have included your name, Social Security number, driver’s license or financial account information.

What We Are Doing. Upon discovery, we promptly took steps to secure the environment and commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of this event. This investigation and response included confirming the security of our systems, reviewing the contents of relevant data for sensitive information, and notifying potentially affected individuals associated with that sensitive information. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are reviewing our policies, procedures, and processes related to the storage and access of personal information.

As an added precaution, we are offering all employees one year of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through TransUnion, at no cost to you. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the enrollment instructions that were provided to you on February 16, 2023, which are also provided on the following pages for ease of reference.

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. You may also review the information contained in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. There you will also find more information on the complimentary credit monitoring services we are making available to you. While we will cover the cost of these services, you will need to enroll yourself in the services we are offering, if you would like to do so.

For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this event that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please contact our dedicated assistance line at 888-817-4018, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding U.S. holidays). You may also write to The Arc at 123 Naylor Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey 07039, Attention HR.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucas
Chief Executive Officer
The Arc of Essex County

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (*myTrueIdentity*) for one year provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

To enroll in this service, go directly to the *myTrueIdentity* website at www.mytrueidentity.com and in the space referenced as “Enter Activation Code”, enter the following 12-letter Activation Code: **FHMLTDGBZBWB** and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper based, credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-855-288-5422**. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code **699727** and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the *myTrueIdentity* online Credit Monitoring service anytime between now and **June 30, 2023**. 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 credit file at TransUnion®, or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number, or are under the age of 18. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The subscription also includes access to identity restoration services that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

If you have questions about your online credit monitoring benefits, need help with your enrollment, or need help accessing your credit report, or passing identity verification, please contact the *myTrueIdentity* Customer Service Team toll-free at: 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time.

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 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
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

Internal Revenue Service Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

You may also obtain an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the Internal Revenue Service, a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS, and helps the IRS verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account. If you do not already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft either online, by paper application or in-person. Information about the IP PIN program can be found here: <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>.

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.

<<State Language -DC>>

<<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.>>

<<State Language -MD>>

<<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.>>

<<State Language -NM>>

<<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 violators. 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.>>

<<State Language -NY>>

<<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>.>>

<<State Language -NC>>

<<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.>>

<<State Language -RI>>

<<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 <<RI Count>> Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.>>



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Re: Supplemental Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent The Arc of Essex County (“Arc”) located at 123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039, and write to supplement Arc’s March 28, 2023 notification to your office regarding a recent data event. By providing this notice, Arc 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.

As advised in our March 28, 2023 notice, on or about January 27, 2023, Arc detected the presence of malware on its computer network. In response, Arc took prompt steps to ensure the security of its network and investigate the activity to assess its nature and scope, and to identify any data potentially affected. Through the investigation, Arc determined limited data contained on one server was potentially accessed or acquired by an unauthorized actor.

Based on its review of the potentially affected files, Arc mailed notice to ten (10) Maryland residents on or about March 28, 2023. Based on further efforts to determine address information for potentially affected individuals, on or about April 12, 2023, Arc provided written notice of this incident to an additional two (2) Maryland residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached to our March 28, 2023 submission to your office as **Exhibit A**. With regard to the April 12, 2023 notifications, the information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, Social Security number, or financial account information.

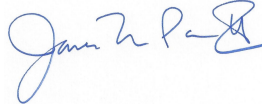
Office of the Attorney General

April 12, 2023

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Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4741.

Very truly yours,

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