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**VIA EMAIL: [Idtheft@oag.state.md.us](mailto:Idtheft@oag.state.md.us)**

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

**Re: Entertainment Community Fund – Incident Notification**

To Whom It May Concern:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Entertainment Community Fund (“Entertainment”) of New York City, New York. I am writing to provide notification of an incident that may affect the security of personal information of seven (7) Maryland residents. By providing this notice, Entertainment does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

Entertainment recently determined that on or about February 20, 2023, an unauthorized party may have accessed or acquired a limited amount of personal information stored on its company network. Upon detecting the incident, Entertainment immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation with assistance from external cybersecurity professionals.

After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, Entertainment discovered on or about August 14, 2023, that the potentially impacted files contain personal information pertaining to a limited number of Maryland residents, such as full names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, medical diagnosis or treatment, health insurance information, and bank account information. The specific elements of information varied per individual.

Entertainment has no indication that any of the information has been used for identity theft or financial fraud. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Entertainment wanted to inform your Office of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected residents against identity fraud.

Entertainment is providing the affected residents with written notification of this incident commencing on or about September 26 2023 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Individuals whose Social Security numbers were involved will be offered complimentary credit monitoring services. Entertainment will advise the affected residents to always remain

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vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Additionally, the affected residents will also be provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies, the Maryland Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

At Entertainment, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Entertainment is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (248) 593-2952 or [cbattersby@mcdonaldhopkins.com](mailto:cbattersby@mcdonaldhopkins.com).

Very truly yours,



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Colin M. Battersby



## Notice of Security Incident

Dear [REDACTED]:

We are writing with important information regarding a recent cyber security incident at Entertainment Community Fund that may involve your personal information. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, tell you about the services that we are providing to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

### What Happened?

On [REDACTED], we detected suspicious activity on our company network.

### What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of this issue, we immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and document review, we discovered on [REDACTED] that a limited amount of personal information stored on our company network may have been accessed and/or acquired by a bad actor on or about [REDACTED].

### What Information Was Involved?

After a thorough review of the systems involved, we were unable to determine with certainty precisely what data was impacted, but we are notifying you out of an abundance of caution because some of your information may be stored on our network. The potentially impacted information may include your full name and one or more of the following to the extent we maintain this information: your Social Security number, driver's license number, and/or financial account information.

### What You Can Do

**We have no evidence that any of your information has been taken or misused.** To help protect your identity, however, we are offering you access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 12-Months from the date of enrolment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

This letter also provides other standard precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

*For More Information*

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and will continue to take many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the external, dedicated call center we set up at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Benincasa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Benincasa" clearly legible.

Entertainment Community Fund  
729 Seventh Ave., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10019  
(800) 221-7303

**– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –**

**1. Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Months Credit Monitoring.**

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to [REDACTED] and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within [REDACTED] days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

**2. Obtain and Monitor Your Credit Report**

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three major nationwide credit reporting companies. You can obtain a free copy of your credit report by calling **1-877-322-8228**, visiting **[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)**, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can access the request form at **<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>**. Alternatively, you can elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. The three nationwide credit reporting agencies' contact information are provided below.

***Equifax***

P.O. Box 105069  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069  
**<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>**  
(800) 525-6285

***Experian***

P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
**<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>**  
(888) 397-3742

***TransUnion***

Fraud Victim Assistance  
Department  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016-2000  
**<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>**  
(800) 680-7289

Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

**3. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.**

Whether or not you choose to use the 12-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial 1-year “fraud alert” on your credit files, at no charge. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least twelve months. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you before establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others. Additional information is available at **<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>**.

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P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016-2000  
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(800) 680-7289

**4. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.**

Following is general information about how to request a security freeze from the three credit reporting agencies at no charge. While we believe this information is accurate, you should contact each agency for the most accurate

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and up-to-date information. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, employment, housing, or other services. There might be additional information required, and as such, to find out more information, please contact the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (contact information provided below). You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

***Equifax Security Freeze***

P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

(888)-298-0045

***Experian Security Freeze***

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

<http://experian.com/freeze>

(888) 397-3742

***TransUnion Security Freeze***

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you will need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing 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.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the City in which you currently reside.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

## **5. Additional Helpful Resources.**

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft), by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

**Iowa Residents:** You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, [www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov), Telephone: 515-281-5164.

**Maryland Residents:** You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, [www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer](http://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer), Telephone: 888-743-0023.

**New Mexico Residents:** You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf) or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

*In Addition, New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal*

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

1. The unique personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
3. Information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You may contact these agencies using the contact information provided above.

**New York Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft>; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

**North Carolina Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, [www.ncdoj.gov/](http://www.ncdoj.gov/), Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

**Rhode Island Residents:** You may contact law enforcement, such as the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to report incidents of identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity

theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov), (401) 274-4400.

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report pursuant to chapter 48 of title 6 of the Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request in writing from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report must comply with the request no later than three (3) business days after receiving the request. If the request is made online or by phone, the consumer reporting agency must comply with the request within one (1) hour.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of an account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze -- either completely, if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor -- with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies can be contacted using the contact information provided above.

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Complete address;
5. Prior addresses;
6. Proof(s) of identification (state driver’s license or ID card, military identification, birth certificate, etc.); and
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

Approximately ■ Rhode Island resident was impacted by this incident.