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Via Email (idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

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

RE: Security Breach Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

We serve as counsel for Knox Ricksen LLP (“Knox Ricksen”), located at 2033 N. Main Street, Suite 340, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. We write to provide notification of a recent data security incident. By providing this notice, Knox Ricksen does not waive any rights or defenses under Maryland law, including the data breach notification statute.

On October 12, 2023, Knox Ricksen experienced a computer network disruption and upon learning of the incident, immediately conducted an investigation with the assistance of third-party specialists. Through this investigation, Knox Ricksen learned that an unknown party accessed certain files on the Knox Ricksen network between October 5 and October 12, 2023. This data included first and last names for individuals in combination with medical treatment/diagnosis information and/or health insurance information. Knox Ricksen promptly notified Allstate of this matter and worked with Allstate to locate address information for the impacted individuals. Knox Ricksen received relevant address information from Allstate between November 28, 2023, and December 7, 2023.

At this time, Knox Ricksen is aware of information related to one individual who may reside in Maryland that is potentially impacted by this incident.

Knox Ricksen notified potentially impacted individuals on December 29, 2023, via First Class mail. A copy of the written notice template is attached as ***Exhibit A***. Knox Ricksen has no reason to believe any information has been or will be misused because of this incident. However, in an abundance of caution, Knox Ricksen is offering the potentially impacted resident of

Maryland complimentary access to 12 months of credit monitoring and identity protection services.

In response to this incident, Knox Ricksen changed passwords and implemented additional network security measures recommended by experts. Knox Ricksen has also notified law enforcement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

CIPRIANI & WERNER, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Haier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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December 29, 2023

NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear [REDACTED]:

Knox Ricksen LLP (“Knox Ricksen”) writes to notify you of an incident that may affect the privacy of certain information provided to us by Allstate Northbrook Indemnity Company (“Allstate”) in support of your claim arising from an automobile accident. Knox Ricksen is a law firm that provides legal services to Allstate.

What Happened? On October 12, 2023, Knox Ricksen experienced a computer network disruption. Upon learning of the disruption, Knox Ricksen immediately engaged third-party specialists to conduct an investigation into the cause and scope of the disruption. The investigation determined that an unauthorized party accessed certain files on the firm’s network between October 5 and October 12, 2023.

What Information Was Involved? Included in the files accessed by the unauthorized party were medical records submitted to Allstate in support of your claim. Those records include your name in combination with medical treatment/diagnosis information and/or health insurance information.

What We Are Doing. In response to this incident, Knox Ricksen changed passwords and implemented additional network security measures recommended by experts. The firm also notified law enforcement. Please note we have no reason to believe any information has been or will be misused because of this incident. However, in an abundance of caution, we are offering you access to 12 months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services we are making available to you. Information about how to enroll in these services along with additional resources available to you are included in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about this incident. Please contact our dedicated assistance line 1-800-405-6108 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or write to us at 2033 N. Main Street, Suite 340, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

We regret any concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

Knox Ricksen LLP

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring / Identity Protection

In response to the incident, we are providing you with 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 twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment 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.

How do I enroll for the free services?

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 90 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.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You 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, 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 lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your 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 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., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); 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 fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
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Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. 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; 1-888-743-0023; and www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov. Knox Ricksen may be contacted at 2033 N. Main Street, Suite 340, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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>.