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VIA EMAIL (*Idtheft@oag.state.md.us*)

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

Re: Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP – Incident Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP (“MPG”). I am writing to provide notification of an incident at MPG that may affect the security of personal information of one (1) Maryland resident. By providing this notice, MPG does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

MPG discovered a network security incident impacting its systems. Upon learning of this issue, MPG immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of its investigation, MPG has been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual review, on December 8, 2023, MPG confirmed that between June 16, 2022 and June 17, 2022, certain impacted files containing personal information may have been subject to unauthorized access or acquisition. The information potentially accessed includes full name, Social Security number, driver’s license or state ID number, medical diagnosis and/or treatment information, and health insurance information.

MPG has no indication that any of the information has been used for identity theft or financial fraud. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, MPG is providing notice to the affected resident commencing on January 5, 2024 in substantially the same form as the document attached hereto. MPG is also offering complimentary credit monitoring to the impacted resident. Additionally MPG will advise the affected resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. MPG will further advise the affected resident about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected resident is also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission and the Maryland Attorney General.

At MPG, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. MPG is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. MPG continually evaluates and modifies its practices to enhance the security and privacy of the personal information it maintains.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 248.402.4066 or hshumaker@mcdonaldhopkins.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Shumaker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather Shumaker

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MusickPeeler

Dear [REDACTED]

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP ("MPG"). We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident that may have impacted some of your information. As such, we want 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?

MPG discovered a network security incident impacting our systems.

What We Are Doing

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What Information Was Involved?

The potentially impacted information includes your [REDACTED]

What You Can Do

We have no evidence that any of your information has been misused. Nonetheless, to help alleviate concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring services at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity theft monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until [REDACTED] to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: [REDACTED]

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com.

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to help 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. MPG is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. MPG continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at [REDACTED] This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to help protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Pacific Time (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Sincerely,

Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP
333 South Hope Street
Suite 2900
Los Angeles, CA 90071

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. **Activate Your Complimentary 12 Month Identity Monitoring.**

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

\$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to help protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

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**, 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 complimentary 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/>**.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
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Experian

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Allen, TX 75013
<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
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TransUnion

Fraud Victim Assistance Department
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Chester, PA 19016-2000
<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>
(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 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. Protecting Your Medical Information.

We have no evidence that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. However, the following practices can provide additional safeguards to protect against medical identity theft.

- Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who are covered under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.
- Review your “explanation of benefits statement” which you receive from your health insurance company. Follow up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact the care provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the potential access (noted above) to current date.
- Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary. Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.

6. 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, 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.

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.marylandattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 888-743-0023.

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/, Telephone: 877-566-7226.