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BY E-MAIL

Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Data Incident

Dear General Brown:

We write on behalf of our client, B Capital Group, to inform you of a recent security incident that may have affected the personal information of three Maryland residents.

On November 23, 2023 B Capital discovered that it was the target of a phishing incident in which an unauthorized person gained access to certain of its internal systems, impacting less than a dozen email accounts between September 18, 2023 and November 20, 2023. The personal data on the impacted systems included name, date of birth, Social Security Number, and financial account information. Upon discovery of the incident, B Capital immediately took steps to eradicate unauthorized access and safeguard its systems, including migrating all email domains, implemented a system-wide password reset, and launching a thorough forensic investigation.

Additional information on complimentary credit monitoring services and a telephone number impacted individuals may call for further information and assistance is included in the attached sample notification made to the affected parties. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at +1 (202)-508-4779.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward R. McNicholas".

Edward R. McNicholas



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<<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>>
<<country>>

Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>,

We are writing to share with you some important information about a recent incident regarding B Capital's technology systems involving your personal information.

What Happened?

On November 23, 2023, we discovered that B Capital was the target of a phishing incident, in which an unauthorized person gained limited access to certain of our internal systems (the "incident").

What Information Was Involved?

The isolated incident impacted less than a dozen email accounts between September 18, 2023 and November 20, 2023. The personal information in the data on the impacted systems varied but could have included your name; date of birth; Social Security Number or other governmental identifier; and financial account information.

What Are We Doing?

Upon discovery of the incident, we immediately engaged external counsel and third-party cybersecurity forensic experts and took decisive steps to eradicate the unauthorized access and safeguard our systems and the information in our care, including migrating all email domains and launching a thorough investigation. We also implemented a required, system-wide password reset in December 2023.

What You Can Do.

If you receive a contact from anyone you do not know at B Capital requesting sensitive personal information or purporting to change wire instructions, please do not share your information and let us know immediately.

While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of personal information or any financial harm as a result of this incident, as a protective measure, we are providing notice of this incident so that you may take further steps to help protect your personal information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

We always encourage you to regularly review your financial accounts and report any suspicious or unrecognized activity immediately. The enclosed "Additional Resources" section describes additional steps you can take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file. As recommended by federal regulatory agencies, you should remember to be vigilant for the next 12 to 24 months and report any suspected incidents of fraud to the relevant financial institution.

To help protect your identity, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for two years. 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 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 <<b2b_text_6 (activation date)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s_n>>

For more information.

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

If you have questions, please call <<TFN>>, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays. Please have your membership number ready.

The privacy and security of your information are among our highest priorities. We trust that the services we are offering to you demonstrate our continued commitment to your security and satisfaction.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wahab

General Partner & Global COO, B Capital

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES**

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 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.

Additional Resources

Review Your Accounts and Credit Reports

Regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com by calling toll free 1.877.322.8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below:

- **Equifax**, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Georgia 30374-0241. 1.800.685.1111. www.equifax.com
- **Experian**, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013. 1.888.397.3742. www.experian.com
- **TransUnion**, 2 Baldwin Place, P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19016. 1.800.916.8800. www.transunion.com

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert

You may wish to consider contacting the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus to request that a “fraud alert” be placed on your file. A fraud alert notifies potential lenders to verify your identification before extending credit in your name.

Equifax:	Report Fraud:	1.800.525.6285
Experian:	Report Fraud:	1.888.397.3742
TransUnion:	Report Fraud:	1.800.680.7289

Security Freeze for Credit Reporting Agencies

You may wish to request a security freeze on your credit reports. 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. It is free to place, lift or remove a security freeze.

You must separately place a security freeze on your credit report at each credit bureau. To do so, you must contact the credit bureaus by phone, mail, or secure electronic means:

- **Equifax**: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, 1.800.349.9960, www.Equifax.com
- **Experian**: P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, 1.888.397.3742, www.Experian.com
- **TransUnion**: P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19106, 1.888.909.8872, www.TransUnion.com

To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following:

- Your full name (including middle initial, Jr., Sr., Roman numerals, etc.),
- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Address(es) where you have lived over the prior five years
- Proof of current address such as a current utility bill
- A photocopy of a government-issued ID card
- If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft

If you request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one business day. The credit bureaus have three business days after receiving a request by mail to place a security freeze on your credit report, and they must also send confirmation to you within five business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the freeze to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must contact the credit reporting agencies and include (1) proper identification; (2) the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze; and (3) the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available.

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 or www.ftc.gov.

Suggestions if You Are a Victim of Identity Theft

- File a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of a crime.
- Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC provides useful information to identity theft victims and maintains a database of identity theft cases for use by law enforcement agencies. File a report with the FTC by calling the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline: 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); online at <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>; or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Also request a copy of the publication, "Take Charge: Fighting Back Against Identity Theft" from <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/idtheft/idth04.pdf>.
- Keep a record of your contacts. Start a file with copies of your credit reports, the police reports, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. It is helpful to log conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, and other relevant parties.

Take Steps to Avoid Identity Theft

Further information can be obtained from the FTC about steps to take to avoid identity theft at: <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>; calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); or write to Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

State Specific Information

Iowa residents may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached by visiting the website at www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, calling (515) 281-5164 or requesting more information from the Office of the Attorney General, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Maryland residents can learn more about preventing identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their web site at <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>, calling the Identity Theft Unit at 1.410.567.6491, or requesting more information at the Identity Theft Unit, 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

New Mexico residents are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above and you have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act as described above.

North Carolina residents can learn more about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their web site at <http://www.ncdoj.gov/Help-for-Victims/ID-Theft-Victims.aspx>, calling 1.919.716.6400 or requesting more information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001.

Oregon residents may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached by visiting the website at www.doj.state.or.us, calling (503) 378-4400 or requesting more information from the Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096.

Rhode Island residents are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request. Residents can learn more by contacting the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General by phone at 1.410.274.4400 or by mail at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Vermont residents may learn helpful information about fighting identity theft, placing a security freeze, and obtaining a free copy of your credit report on the Vermont Attorney General's website at <http://www.atg.state.vt.us>.