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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 Bescast, Inc. ("Bescast") located at 4600 E. 355th Street, Willoughby, Ohio 44094 and write to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one (1) Maryland resident. By providing this notice, Bescast 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 around January 19, 2024, Bescast became aware of suspicious activity affecting systems within our network. Bescast promptly launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists, to confirm the full nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that certain files on Bescast's systems were or may have been accessed or copied without authorization. Bescast thereafter undertook a time intensive and thorough review of the documents at risk, for purposes of providing notice to individuals potentially impacted.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, and Social Security number.

Notice to Maryland Resident

On or about March 12, 2024, Bescast provided written notice of this incident to one (1) Maryland resident. 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, Bescast moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Bescast systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, notified Bescast federal law enforcement regarding the event. Bescast is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year, through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Bescast is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Bescast 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) 930-4888.

Very truly yours,

Richard Aponte-Boyd of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



BESCAST

4145 SW Watson Avenue, Suite 400
Beaverton, OR 97005

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address 1>>
<<Address 2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXX>>

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

March 12, 2024

RE: NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Bescast, Inc. ("Bescast") writes to notify you of an incident that may affect the privacy of some of your personal information. Although we have no evidence of any identity theft or fraud occurring as a result of this event, this letter provides details of the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On or around January 19, 2024, Bescast became aware of suspicious activity affecting systems within our network. We promptly launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists, to confirm the full nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that certain files on Bescast's systems were or may have been accessed or copied without authorization. We thereafter undertook a time intensive and thorough review of the documents at risk, and recently completed this process.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined the following types of information related to you may have been impacted by this incident: your name and Social Security number. At this time, we have no indication that your information was used to commit identity theft or fraud as a result of this incident and are providing this notice out of an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. Data privacy and security are among Bescast's highest priorities, and while there are measures in place to protect the information in our care, upon discovery, we promptly commenced an investigation with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists to confirm the nature and scope of this incident. This investigation and response included confirming the security of our systems, reviewing the contents of relevant data for sensitive information, and notifying potentially impacted individuals. We will also notify applicable regulatory authorities where necessary.

As an added precaution, we are also offering twelve (12) months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through IDX. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the attached enrollment instructions as we are not able to enroll you on your behalf.

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 over the next 12 to 24 months. You may also review the information contained in the attached *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.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, please call the dedicated assistance line at 1-800-939-4170, tollfree Monday through Friday from 9am to 9pm Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Davis", is positioned above the company name.

Bescast, Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Monitoring Services

1. Website and Enrollment. Scan the QR image or go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is June 12, 2024.

2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

4. Review your credit reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

5. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. . To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of 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 they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, 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
1-888-298-0045	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

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You will receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

6. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.

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, D.C. 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.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

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 <https://ncdoj.gov/>.