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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 Meyer Unkovic & Scott LLP (“MUS”) located at 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one (1) Maryland resident. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, MUS 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 October 11, 2023, MUS discovered a suspicious email that prompted it to begin an investigation and notify federal law enforcement. MUS commenced an investigation and determined that certain files and folders within its network were accessed or acquired without authorization by an unauthorized third party between September 19 and 21, 2023. On October 25, 2023, MUS finished identifying files and folders that were potentially accessed or acquired. In order to better understand the full scope of the incident, MUS reviewed files to identify the scope of information potentially accessed or acquired. On February 12, 2024, MUS determined that certain information of one (1) Maryland resident was potentially accessed.

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

Notice to Maryland Resident

On or about April 26, 2024, MUS 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, MUS moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of MUS systems, and begin identifying potentially affected individuals. MUS has taken steps to further strengthen and enhance the security of systems in its network, including updating administrative and technical safeguards, as well as providing additional cybersecurity training for its personnel. MUS is providing access to credit monitoring services for at least one (1) year, through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, MUS is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, MUS 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.

MUS is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state and federal regulators, as necessary.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-1509.

Very truly yours,

Gregory J. Bautista of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



MEYER UNKOVIC SCOTT
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

P.O. Box 989728
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>
<<Country>>

Enrollment Code: <<ENROLLMENT>>

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://response.idx.us/MUSLaw>

April 26, 2024

NOTICE OF <<Variable Text 2>>

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

Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP (“MUS”) writes to inform you of a recent cyber incident that may impact the privacy of some of your information. While there is no indication that any identity theft or fraud has occurred as a result of this incident, this notice provides you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you may take to further protect your information against identity theft and fraud, should you determine it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On or around October 11, 2023, MUS discovered suspicious activity that prompted us to begin an investigation and notify federal law enforcement. Our investigation determined that certain files and folders within our network were accessed or acquired without authorization by an unauthorized third party between September 19 and 21, 2023. On October 25, 2023, we finished identifying files and folders that were potentially accessed or acquired. The incident has not impaired MUS’ ability to perform the legal services for which it has been hired by clients.

What Information Was Involved? MUS quickly began a thorough investigation of the relevant files to identify individuals with personal information that was potentially impacted. On February 12, 2024, we determined that your name and <<Variable Text 1>> were potentially accessed by an unknown, unauthorized actor as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing. MUS takes this incident and the security of information within our care very seriously. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of information within our care, we have taken steps to further strengthen and enhance the security of systems in our network, including updating administrative and technical safeguards, as well as providing additional cybersecurity training for our personnel. We will also be notifying state regulators, as required.

As an added precaution, we would like to offer you <<12/24>> months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through IDX. If you wish to receive these services, you must enroll by following the below enrollment instructions as we are unable to activate these services on your behalf.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review your account statements and credit reports to detect errors or suspicious activity. You can find more information about obtaining a free copy of your credit report, protecting against potential identity theft and fraud, and other resources available to you in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services available to you; detailed instructions for enrolling in these services are enclosed.

For More Information. We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause. Security remains a top priority at MUS, and we will continue to take all appropriate steps to safeguard personal information and our systems.

If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-888-845-0574 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time. We take this incident very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you. You can also write to MUS at 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Sincerely

Christopher P. Smith
Managing Partner

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://response.idx.us/MUSLaw> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is July 26, 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 1-888-845-0574 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers 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 the consumer’s express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer’s name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. 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

Additional Information

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their 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. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; (202) 442-9828; and oag.dc.gov.

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 New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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>.

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 www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There are approximately 0 Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.