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

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

Re: Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman, LLP – Incident Notification

Dear Mr. Brown:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman, LLP (“Sanchez Daniels”) regarding a recent security incident. I am writing to provide notification of an incident at Sanchez Daniels that may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) Maryland resident. Sanchez Daniels’ investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, Sanchez Daniels does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

On or about May 1, 2023, Sanchez Daniels became aware of potentially unauthorized access to their network. Upon learning of the incident, Sanchez Daniels immediately took steps to secure the network and mitigate against any additional harm. In addition, Sanchez Daniels engaged external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these type of incidents to conduct an investigation. Following the investigation and notification from our vendor, Sanchez Daniels determined on April 15, 2024, that personal information may have been subject to unauthorized access or acquisition. The personal information contained within the impacted data included first and last name and Social Security number.

To date, Sanchez Daniels is not aware of any reports of identity fraud or financial fraud for any information as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Sanchez Daniels wanted to inform you (and the affected resident) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected resident against identity fraud. Sanchez Daniels is providing the affected resident with notification of this incident, commencing on or about April 26, 2024. The notice will be in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Sanchez Daniels is also offering the affected resident with complimentary credit monitoring services as their Social Security Number was potentially impacted. Sanchez Daniels is advising the affected resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements,

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explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Sanchez Daniels is also advising the affected resident about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. Additionally, the affected resident is being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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Enrollment Code [REDACTED]

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



 SCAN ME

Or Visit:

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

[REDACTED]

April 26, 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP (“Sanchez Daniels”). Because we take that obligation seriously and value our relationship, we are writing to advise you of a recent incident involving the security of some of your personal information. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to safeguard all personal information.

What Happened?

Sanchez Daniels detected unauthorized access within our network environment on May 1, 2023.

What We Are Doing

Upon learning of this issue, Sanchez Daniels immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After the completion of an extensive forensic investigation and manual review, Sanchez Daniels discovered on April 15, 2024, that some of your personal information may have been acquired in connection with this incident.

What Information Was Involved?

The information that may have been acquired contained some of your personal information, including your full name,

[REDACTED]

What You Can Do

After a thorough investigation of the incident, **Sanchez Daniels is not aware of any reports of fraud resulting from this incident or that any personal information has been misused.** Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership in identity theft protection services through IDX, a ZeroFox Company. IDX identity protection services includes [REDACTED] months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. For more information on identity theft prevention and IDX identity protection services, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to 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, credit reports, and explanation of benefits for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

For More Information

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. Sanchez Daniels is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our 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 potential misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, from 6am – 6pm Pacific Time, excluding US holidays.

Sincerely,

Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. Enrolling in Complimentary Credit Monitoring.

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. 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. Please note that the enrollment deadline is [REDACTED].

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.

2. 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. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. 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.

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

3. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a “Security Freeze” be placed on your credit file at no cost. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three nationwide credit reporting companies. To find out more on how to place a security freeze, you can use the following contact information:

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 such as copy of a government issued identification. 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 you do place a security freeze prior to enrolling in a credit monitoring service, 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.

4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at

www.annualcreditreport.com. 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.

5. 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.

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.

6. Protecting Your Medical Information.

The following practices can help to protect you from 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 their 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 as a beneficiary. Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

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, <https://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.

New Mexico Residents: 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.

In Addition, New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

1. The unique personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
3. Information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You may contact these agencies using the contact information provided above.

