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Via Email (idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

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

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 14-3504, I am writing on behalf of Santander Holdings U.S.A., Inc. (“Santander” or the “Company”) to notify you regarding the nature and circumstances of a recent data security issue.

On May 10, 2024, Santander learned that, between late April and early May 2024, an unauthorized party obtained certain records from a third-party database used by one of the Company’s affiliates. Santander’s investigation subsequently determined that the records contained certain Company employees’ personal information, including names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, and bank account information (i.e., account and routing number) used for direct deposit for payroll.

Upon learning of the issue, Santander and its affiliates promptly took steps to contain it, including blocking access to the affected database. The Company continues to take preventative actions to further safeguard its data. In addition, Santander is cooperating with law enforcement in their investigation of the issue. Santander also has arranged to provide affected individuals with two years of identity protection and credit monitoring services at no cost to them.

There are approximately 18 Maryland residents affected by this issue. Attached for your reference is a copy of the notice the Company will be sending to the affected individuals beginning June 18, 2024. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael La Marca

Michael La Marca

Enclosure



[Date]

[FirstName] [LastName]

[Address]

[City], [State] [Zip]

Dear [FirstName] [LastName],

We are writing to notify you of an issue that involves your personal information. On May 10, 2024, Santander learned that an unauthorized party obtained certain records from a third-party database used by one of the Company's affiliates between late April and early May 2024. Santander's investigation subsequently determined that the records contained certain Company employee's personal information that may have included your name, Social Security number, and bank account information used for direct deposit for payroll.

Upon learning of the issue, we promptly took steps to protect our systems, including blocking access to the affected system. We continue to take preventative actions to further safeguard our systems.

We take the security of your personal information very seriously and are alerting you about this issue so that you can take steps to help protect your information. We have arranged to offer you identity protection and credit monitoring services for two years at no cost to you through Experian IdentityWorksSM. The attached Reference Guide provides further information on registration and recommendations by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the protection of personal information.

You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by monitoring your free credit reports and reviewing your account statements.

We hope this information is useful to you. If you have questions regarding this incident, please [state/employment status specific instruction].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "OF", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Chief Human Resources Officer
Santander US

Reference Guide

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

Review Details Regarding Your 24-Month Experian IdentityWorks Membership. A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. To enroll:

- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bplus>
- Provide your activation code: **[Code]**
- Ensure that you enroll by: **May 30, 2025** (Your code will not work after this date.)

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with the service or would like an alternative enrollment method, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-890-9332 by May 30, 2025. Be prepared to provide the engagement number **[engagement number]** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

Experian IdentityWorks provides the following benefits:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Internet Surveillance:** Technology searches the web, chat rooms & bulletin boards 24/7 to identify trading or selling of your personal information on the Dark Web.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling

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Order Your Free Credit Report. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and

in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

Report Incidents. If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your financial institution or payment card company. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit <https://www.identitytheft.gov>.
- File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime. You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348	1-800-525-6285	www.equifax.com
Experian	Experian Inc. P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
TransUnion	TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	1-800-680-7289	www.transunion.com

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You may wish to place a "security freeze" (also known as a "credit freeze") on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. *Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually.* There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

- Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)
- Your Social Security number
- Your date of birth
- Addresses where you have lived over the past five years
- A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a state driver's license or military ID card)
- Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)

For Maryland Residents. You can obtain information from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General about steps you can take to avoid identity theft. You may contact the Maryland Attorney General at: Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

For Massachusetts Residents. 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 to place a security freeze on your account.

For New York Residents. You can obtain information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from identity theft and tips on how to protect your privacy online. You can contact the New York State Office of the Attorney General at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, (800) 771-7755 (toll-free), (800) 788-9898 (TDD/TTY toll-free line), <https://ag.ny.gov>

Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT), 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, Phone: (212) 416-8433, <https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/consumer-issues/technology>

For North Carolina Residents. You can obtain information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, (877) 566-7226 (toll-free in North Carolina), (919) 716-6400, www.ncdoj.gov

For Oregon Residents. We encourage you to report suspected identity theft to the Oregon Attorney General at: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, (877) 877-9392 (toll-free in Oregon), (503) 378-4400, <http://www.doj.state.or.us>

For Rhode Island Residents. You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Unit, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, <http://www.riag.ri.gov>

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 for a security freeze on your account.

For Washington, D.C. Residents. You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street NW, Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 727-3400, <https://oag.dc.gov/>

For Iowa Residents. You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, (515) 281-5164, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

For 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 https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf or www.ftc.gov.