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Via E-Mail (IDTheft@oag.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

To Whom It May Concern:

We serve as counsel for Local Teamsters Union 781 ("Local 781") located at 747 N. Church Road, Building D, Elmhurst, IL 60126 and provide this notification to your Office of a recent data security incident suffered by Local 781. By providing this notice, Local 781 does not waive any rights or defenses under Maryland law, including the data breach notification statute.

On March 19, 2024, Local 781 discovered suspicious activity related to an employee email account. Upon discovery, Local 781 took steps to secure the affected account and engaged a third-party team of forensic specialists to investigate the incident. Following a thorough review, Local 781 confirmed that a limited amount of information may have been accessed by an unauthorized third party in connection with this incident.

On July 2, 2024, Local 781 discovered that information related to three (3) residents of Maryland was potentially impacted by this event. The information may have included the individual's first name or initial and last name in combination with their Social Security number.

Local 781 provided written notice of this incident to the potentially impacted Maryland residents via First Class Mail on July 26, 2024. A copy of the notice letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which provides details of the incident, complimentary credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, and steps impacted individuals can take to protect their data.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



John Loyal, Esquire
CIPRIANI & WERNER, P.C.

Exhibit A



747 Church Road • Building D
Elmhurst, IL 60126



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Enrollment Code: [REDACTED]

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

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

July 26, 2024

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear [REDACTED]:

Local Teamsters Union 781 (“Local 781”) writes to notify you of an incident that may have impacted some of your information described below. We take the privacy and security of information in our care very seriously. While we have no evidence to suggest that any information was misused, we are providing you with information about this incident, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your information should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened: On March 19, 2024, Local 781 discovered suspicious activity related to an employee email account. Upon discovery, Local 781 took steps to secure the affected account and engaged a third-party team of forensic specialists to investigate the incident. Following a thorough review, Local 781 confirmed that a limited amount of information may have been accessed by an unauthorized third party in connection with this incident.

At this time, there is no indication that any personal information has been or will be fraudulently misused. However, we are providing this notification to you out of an abundance of caution and so that you may take steps to safeguard your information.

What Information Was Involved: The potentially accessed information may have included your first name or initial and last name, in combination with your [REDACTED]

What We Are Doing: Local 781 has taken steps to address this incident and is committed to protecting information in its care. Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took steps to secure our email platform and undertook a thorough investigation. As an additional safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring services through IDX for twelve (12) months. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you, and you must enroll yourself. Additional information on how to activate the complimentary credit monitoring services is enclosed.

What You Can Do: In addition to enrolling in credit monitoring services, we recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements, credit history, and explanation of benefits forms to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on any of your accounts, please promptly change your password, notify your financial institution or company if applicable, and take any additional steps needed to protect your account. Additionally, please report any suspicious incidents to local law enforcement and/or your state Attorney General. Please review the enclosed “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information” for additional resources.

For More Information: Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact our dedicated call center at (888) 306-8992, Monday through Friday from 6am to 6pm Pacific Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). You can also write us at 747 N. Church Court, Building D, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Sincerely,

Paul Stripling
President

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Activate Credit 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 October 24, 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 (888) 306-8992 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.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

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

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
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Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. 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 St. NW Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-442-9828, and <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your 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 your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You 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 you to review your 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.

