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VIA EMAIL (Idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

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

Re: Nova Business Law Group – Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern,

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Nova Business Law Group. I am writing to provide notification of a cybersecurity incident that impacted Nova Business Law Group and may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) Maryland resident. By providing this notice, Nova Business Law Group does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

On or about December 5, 2023, Nova Business Law Group became aware of unusual activity on its network and servers involving a potential ransomware incident. Upon identifying the activity, Nova Business Law Group acted quickly to contain the threat, investigate, and ensure the security of its systems with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists. The investigation revealed that an unauthorized actor gained access to Nova Business Law Group's systems beginning on December 5, 2023, and as a result may have obtained some information. On July 16, 2024, after an extensive forensic investigation and review, Nova Business Law Group discovered that certain personal information was included within the files that were subject to unauthorized access or acquisition as a result of the incident. Further, Nova Business Law Group located the most recent contact information available and identified one (1) Maryland resident whose information was involved.

The personal information contained within the impacted data included first and last name and Social Security number.

Nova Business Law Group has no evidence of financial fraud or identity theft related to this data. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Nova Business Law Group 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. Nova Business Law Group is providing the affected resident with notification of this incident, commencing on or about August 26, 2024. The notice will be in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Nova Business Law

Group is also offering the affected resident whose Social Security number was potentially impacted by the incident with complimentary one-year membership with a credit monitoring service. Nova Business Law Group is advising the affected resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Nova Business Law Group 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 Nova Business Law Group, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Nova Business Law Group is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. Nova Business Law Group continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (312) 642-6131 or bdawson@mcdonaldhopkins.com.

Very truly yours,



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