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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 Global Volunteers, located at 375 E. Little Canada Rd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55117 and write to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of information relating to certain Maryland residents. Global Volunteers is a small, U.S.-based non-profit organization that coordinates domestic and international volunteer efforts to assist with human and economic development and related issues in developing nations. This notice may be supplemented if significant new facts are learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Global Volunteers 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

In late September of last year, Global Volunteers detected suspicious activity on certain computer systems, which it quickly determined to be a sophisticated cyberattack that included the malicious encryption of systems. Upon becoming aware of this activity, Global Volunteers sought the assistance of third-party cybersecurity and digital forensics specialists to secure their systems and determine the full nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that certain computer systems were subject to unauthorized access between September 19, 2023 and September 26, 2023, and data was downloaded from a subset of those systems. Global Volunteers then performed a comprehensive and time-intensive third-party review of the impacted files to determine what information was contained within the files and to whom the information related. Following the third-party review, Global Volunteers undertook an internal review of its records to identify contact information to provide notifications. Global Volunteers recently concluded its review.

The personal information that could have been subject to unauthorized access for Maryland residents includes: name, Social Security number, passport number, financial account information, medical information, and health insurance information.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On or about August 21, 2024, Global Volunteers provided written notice of this event to approximately forty-five (45) Maryland residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon becoming aware of the event, Global Volunteers moved quickly to investigate and assess the security of its systems and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Global Volunteers reported the event to federal law enforcement. Global Volunteers is also working to implement additional technical and administrative safeguards, as well as cybersecurity training to its employees. Global Volunteers is providing access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services for 24 months, through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this event, at no cost to these individuals. Global Volunteers also established a toll-free assistance line to address any questions from notified individuals.

Additionally, Global Volunteers is providing potentially affected individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Global Volunteers 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.

Global Volunteers is providing written notice of this event to appropriate privacy regulators and to the three major consumer reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4802.

Very truly yours,



Samuel Sica, III of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



Return Mail Processing
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August 21, 2024

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[Notice of Data Breach- for CA only]

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Global Volunteers is writing to inform you of a recent event that may involve some of your information. Although at this time there is no indication of identity theft or fraud in relation to this event, we are providing you with information about the event, our response to it, and additional measures you can take to protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? In late September of last year, we detected suspicious activity on certain computer systems. Upon becoming aware of this activity, we launched a comprehensive investigation with the assistance of cybersecurity specialists to determine the full nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that certain computer systems were subject to unauthorized access between September 19, 2023 and September 26, 2023, and data was downloaded from a subset of those systems. We then performed a time-intensive third-party review of the impacted files to determine what information was contained within the files and to whom the information related. Following the third-party review, we undertook a detailed internal review of our records to identify contact information to provide notifications. We recently concluded this review.

What Information Was Involved? The information related to you contained in the affected files and therefore potentially impacted as a result of this event included your name, [data elements].

What We Are Doing. Safeguarding the information in our care is one of our highest priorities. Upon learning of this event, we promptly investigated, assessed the security of our systems, and notified potentially affected individuals. Further, as part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy and security of personal information in our care, we are evaluating our technical and administrative safeguards. We also reported the event to federal law enforcement.

As an added precaution, we are offering you access to 24 months of credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Experian at no cost to you. Enrollment instructions are enclosed with this letter.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. We also encourage you to review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*, which contains information on what you can do to safeguard against possible misuse of your information should you feel it is appropriate to do so. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, please contact us at 833-918-4518, Monday through Friday (excluding U.S. holidays), during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Pacific time. Please be prepared to provide your engagement number B128214. You may also write to us at 375 E. Little Canada Rd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55117.

Sincerely,

Andrew Philbrook
General Counsel
Global Volunteers

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STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Monitoring Services

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by October 31, 2024** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 833-918-4518 by October 31, 2024. Be prepared to provide engagement number B128214 as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **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 file for indicators of fraud.
- **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.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

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 one-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. 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. To file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will

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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. Fees may be required to be paid to the consumer reporting agencies. There are approximately six (6) Rhode Island residents that may be affected by this event.