

September 30, 2024

Via Email: idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
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Re: Legal Notice of Information Security Incident

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Central Securities Corporation (“Central Securities”), to notify you of a cybersecurity incident.

On May 20, 2024, Central Securities discovered unauthorized activity in its internal systems. Central Securities immediately began an investigation and engaged leading third-party cybersecurity and forensic experts to respond to the issue and assist with remediation efforts. Central Securities also notified law enforcement and has been cooperating with their investigation.

Central Securities’ investigation determined that an unauthorized third party gained access to Central Securities’ internal systems on or about April 17, 2024, seemingly through a legitimate account of one of its third-party vendors that had authorized access to its systems. The unauthorized third party then used that access to remove certain data from Central Securities’ systems on or about May 20, 2024. A thorough review of that data was conducted to identify what information was involved and identify individuals to whom the data related.

On September 18, 2024, Central Securities completed its review of the data and identified personal information belonging to certain individuals including names and Social Security numbers of 18 Maryland residents.

Today, September 30, Central Securities will begin mailing notification letters to the 18 Maryland residents. A sample copy of the notification letter is attached. Central Securities will also be offering 24 months of complimentary credit monitoring and fraud protection services to these individuals. Central Securities is also providing a telephone number for the individuals to call with any questions regarding the incident.

To help prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future, Central Securities implemented, and continues to evaluate, additional security measures designed to enhance the security of its systems and data. Central Securities also terminated the relevant vendor’s access to its systems and is currently evaluating the security of all third-party access to its systems. It also implemented additional security protocols designed to

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further enhance the security of its network, internal systems, data, and applications. Central Securities will also continue to evaluate additional steps that may be taken to further increase our defenses.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding this incident, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Giblin

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Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Sample:

Central Securities Corporation ("Central Securities") is a closed-end investment management company traded on the NYSE American stock exchange. We are writing to inform you that we experienced a cybersecurity incident that involved some of your personal information.

In the normal course of business, we are provided with access to the personal information of stockholders and other related parties. Additionally, as per regulatory obligations, we are at times required to collect personal information from our directors, stockholders, and other related parties. This notice explains the incident, steps we have taken in response, and additional information on steps you may take to help protect your information.

What Happened

On Monday, May 20, 2024, we discovered unauthorized activity in our internal systems. We immediately began an investigation and engaged leading third-party cybersecurity and forensic experts to respond to the issue and assist us in remediating it. We also notified law enforcement and are cooperating with their investigation.

Our investigation determined that an unauthorized third party gained access to Central Securities' internal systems on or about April 17, 2024, seemingly through a legitimate account of one of our vendors that had authorized access to our systems. The unauthorized third party then used our vendor's access to remove certain data from our systems around May 20, 2024. A thorough review of that data was conducted to identify what information was involved and identify individuals to whom the data related.

What Information Was Involved

The data review determined that the data involved contained some of your personal information, including your name and one or more of the following: government identification number, Social Security number, driver's license number, passport number, and address.

What We Are Doing

We have terminated the relevant vendor's access to our systems and are currently evaluating the security of all third-party access to our systems. We have also implemented additional security protocols designed to further enhance the security of our network, internal systems, data, and applications. Central Securities will continue to evaluate additional steps that may be taken to further increase our defenses. We are continuing to support federal law enforcement's investigation.



What You Can Do

While we do not have any evidence that your personal information has been misused, out of an abundance of caution, **Central Securities is offering you a complimentary 24-month membership in Experian IdentityWorksSM**. This credit monitoring product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. It is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on Experian IdentityWorks, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, as well as additional steps you may take to help protect your information, please see the additional information provided in the following pages.**

For More Information

Central Securities takes the security of your personal information seriously and sincerely regrets that this incident occurred. For more information or if you have any questions, please call 1-833-931-5511, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please be prepared to provide the engagement number B131939. If you have a speech or hearing impairment and use a TTY, dial 711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Hill", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John C. Hill
Chief Executive Officer
Central Securities Corporation

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** December 31, 2024 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: 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 1-833-931-5511 by December 31, 2024. Be prepared to provide engagement number B131939 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.¹
- **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 Insurance²:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Information About Identity Theft Protection Guide

Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
Phone: 1-800-685-1111 P.O. Box 740256 Atlanta, Georgia 30348 www.equifax.com	Phone: 1-888-397-3742 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, Texas 75013 www.experian.com	Phone: 1-888-909-8872 P.O. Box 105281 Atlanta, GA 30348-5281 www.transunion.com

¹ Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

² 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.



Free Credit Report. We remind you to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. If you identify any unauthorized charges on your financial account statements, you should immediately report any such charges to your financial institution. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico residents:

You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

Security Freeze. Security freezes, also known as credit freezes, restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You can freeze and unfreeze your credit file for free. You also can get a free freeze for your children who are under 16. And if you are someone's guardian, conservator or have a valid power of attorney, you can get a free freeze for that person, too.

How will these freezes work? Contact all three of the nationwide credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. If you request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one business day. If you request a lift of the freeze, the agency must lift it within one hour. If you make your request by mail, the agency must place or lift the freeze within three business days after it gets your request. You also can lift the freeze temporarily without a fee.

The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement.

It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

For New Mexico residents: 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. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

Fraud Alerts. A fraud alert tells businesses that check your credit that they should check with you before opening a new account. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert with their versions of your report.

Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. You may contact the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

For Connecticut Residents: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: Connecticut Attorney General's Office, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808- 5318, www.ct.gov/ag.

For District of Columbia Residents: You may contact the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street NW, Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001, <https://oag.dc.gov>, 202-442-9828.

For Maryland Residents: You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-888-743- 0023.

For New York Residents: You may contact the New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1- 800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and New York State Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>.

For North Carolina residents: You may contact the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-877-566-7226.

For Rhode Island Residents: You may contact the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, <http://www.riag.ri.gov>, 401-274-4400.

For Texas residents: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: Office of the Texas Attorney General www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/identity-theft or contact the Identity Theft Hotline at 800-621-0508 (toll-free).

Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

You have the right to obtain any police report filed in the United States in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of fraud or identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report.

For Iowa residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General.

For Massachusetts residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft. You also have a right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

For Oregon residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.

For Rhode Island residents: You have the right to file or obtain a police report regarding this incident. One Rhode Island resident was impacted by this incident.



