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VIA E-MAIL (IDTHEFT@OAG.STATE.MD.US)

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

Re: Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General Brown:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Bob's Discount Furniture, LLC ("Bob's"), to notify your office of a security incident. Bob's is a furniture retailer headquartered in Manchester, Connecticut.

On September 25, 2024, Bob's Discount Furniture, LLC ("Bob's") detected a security incident involving unauthorized access to Bob's computer network. Bob's immediately implemented response protocols, took measures to contain the activity, and launched an investigation. A cybersecurity firm that has assisted other companies with similar situations was engaged. Bob's also notified law enforcement and are supporting its investigation. The investigation determined that on September 25, 2024, an unauthorized party accessed a file containing the name and MyBob's Card account number for 257 Maryland residents.

The accounts involved are closed-loop Bob's store card accounts issued by different financial institutions. Bob's notified the financial institutions about the incident and the accounts involved beginning on October 9, 2024. Bob's and the financial institutions had discussions regarding the incident and measures that would prevent unauthorized purchases. On October 25, 2024, after completion of discussions with financial institutions, Bob's began preparing to notify individuals.

On December 3, 2024, Bob's mailed a notification letter to the Maryland residents via

Atlanta Chicago Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Dallas Denver Houston Los Angeles
New York Orange County Orlando Philadelphia San Francisco Seattle Washington, DC Wilmington

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U.S. mail in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 14-3504. A copy of the notification letter is enclosed. Bob's is providing a telephone number for notified individuals to call with any questions they may have about the incident. Bob's has put in place protocols to prevent unauthorized purchases from the accounts involved.

To help prevent this type of incident from happening again, Bob's has taken and is taking additional steps to further enhance its existing network security controls.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig A. Hoffman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig A. Hoffman
Partner

Enclosure

Bob's Discount Furniture
Mail Handling Services
777 E Park Dr
Harrisburg, PA 17111



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

December 3, 2024

Dear [REDACTED]:

Bob's Discount Furniture recognizes the importance of protecting information. We are writing to inform you of an incident involving some of your information. This notice explains the incident, measures we have taken, and additional steps you may consider taking in response.

What Happened?

Bob's detected a security incident on September 25, 2024, immediately implemented response protocols, took measures to contain the activity, and launched an investigation. A cybersecurity firm that has assisted other companies with similar situations was engaged. We also notified law enforcement and are supporting its investigation.

The investigation determined that unauthorized access occurred on September 25, 2024 to a file that contained some of your information.

What Information Was Involved?

The file contained your name, address, email address, phone number, and your My Bob's credit card/account number.

What We Are Doing.

We wanted to notify you of this incident and to assure you that we take it seriously. As you know, your My Bob's Card may only be used for purchases made at Bob's. In addition to our normal protections, we have put in place additional protocols to prevent unauthorized purchases. We have also taken and are taking additional steps to further enhance our existing network security measures. If your account allows for a physical credit card, we plan to mail you a replacement My Bob's Card soon.

What You Can Do.

For more information on some additional steps you can take, please review the pages that follow this letter.

For More Information.

We regret that this occurred and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-844-305-4194, Monday through Friday, between 8am to 5pm Eastern Time (excluding major holidays).

Sincerely,

Bob's Discount Furniture

ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. 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. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-888-378-4329
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 1000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-916-8800

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 state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

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

Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:

Fraud Alerts: There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. 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 on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

Credit or Security Freezes: You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

How do I place a freeze on my credit reports? There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- *Experian Security Freeze*, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
- *TransUnion Security Freeze*, PO Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094, www.transunion.com
- *Equifax Security Freeze*, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

Bob's Discount Furniture is located at 434 Tolland Tpke Manchester, CT, 06042 and can be reached at (860) 474-1000.

Additional Information for Residents of the Following States

Connecticut: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, www.ct.gov/ag

District of Columbia: You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, www.oag.dc.gov

Maryland: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/

New York: You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies: *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>

North Carolina: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, www.ncdoj.gov

Rhode Island: This incident involves 81 individuals in Rhode Island. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to file and obtain a copy of a police report. You also have the right to request a security freeze, as described above. You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Rhode Island Attorney General's Office*, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, 1-401-274-4400, www.riag.ri.gov

A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act: The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Your major rights under the FCRA are summarized below. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.
- You have the right to know what is in your file.
- You have the right to ask for a credit score.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.
- Consumer reporting agencies 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 reports to be provided to employers.

- You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.
- You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.
- You may seek damages from violators.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.