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July 21, 2020

VIA U.S. MAIL

Consumer Protection Bureau Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Grossberg Company, LLP ("Grossberg") located at 6500 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20817, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of personal information relating to two (2) New Hampshire residents. This notice may be supplemented if any new significant facts are learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Grossberg does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

Grossberg recently learned of unusual activity related to an employee's email account. Upon learning of the suspicious activity, Grossberg immediately took steps to secure its email system and conducted an extensive investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation confirmed that a Grossberg employee email account was accessed by an unknown actor between May 1, 2020 and May 4, 2020. The investigation was unable to determine what emails where accessed by the unknown actor. In an abundance of caution, Grossberg performed a comprehensive review of all information stored in the email account at the time of incident to identify the individuals whose information may have been accessible to the unknown actor. Grossberg then worked to determine the identities and contact information for potentially impacted individuals. In part, the presence of personal information in the impacted email account was a result of the extraordinary measures Grossberg undertook to continue uninterrupted client service during the coronavirus pandemic and while working remotely.

On or around May 18, 2020, Grossberg confirmed the identities of the individuals, namely employees, certain of their family members, and certain individual clients, whose information may have been accessible to the unauthorized actor and took steps to begin notifying impacted individuals.

Although the types of personal information potentially impacted varies by individual, the types of personal information potentially impacted for New Hampshire residents includes: name and Social Security number.

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There is no indication this information was misused by the unknown actor and Grossberg is providing this notice in an abundance of caution.

Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On June 17, 2020 through July 21, 2020, Grossberg began providing written notice of this incident to affected individuals, which includes two (2) New Hampshire residents. Written notice was provided to affected individuals in substantially the same form as the letters attached here as *Exhibit A*.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the potential unauthorized access to the email account, Grossberg moved quickly to identify those that may be affected, put in place resources to assist them, and provide them with notice of this incident. Grossberg is also working to implement additional safeguards to protect the security of information in its systems.

Grossberg is providing written notice to those individuals who may be affected by this incident. This notice includes an offer of complimentary access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services through TransUnion, and the contact information for potentially affected individuals to contact with questions or concerns regarding this incident. Additionally, Grossberg is providing potentially impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including 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. Grossberg is also providing written notice of this incident to other regulators, as necessary.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4801.

Very truly yours,

Alexander T. Walker of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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EXHIBIT A

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What Information Was Involved. We determined the following types of information relating to you was present in the email account and therefore potentially accessed by the unknown actor during this incident: your name, address, and your <<insert data elements>>. We are unaware that any of this information was misused by the unknown actor and Grossberg is providing this notice in an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of your personal information seriously. The presence of personal information in the impacted email account was, in part, a result of the extraordinary measures we undertook to continue uninterrupted client service during the coronavirus pandemic and while working remotely. Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took steps to secure the affected email account. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are working to review our existing policies and procedures and to implement additional safeguards to further secure the information in our systems. We are also notifying state authorities, as required. While we are unaware of any misuse of your information as a result of this incident, we are offering you access to 12 months of credit monitoring and identity restoration services through TransUnion.

What You Can Do. You can find out more about how to protect against potential identity theft and fraud in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information*. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services described above. Enrollment instructions are attached to this letter.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, please call us. You may also write to Grossberg at 6500 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20817.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name] [Title] Grossberg Company, LLP

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enrollment Instructions

Complimentary One-Year myTrueIdentity Credit Monitoring Service

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (myTrueIdentity) for one year provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion, $^{\textcircled{R}}$ one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery

- To enroll in this service, go to the myTrueIdentity website at www.MyTrueIdentity.com and, in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code," enter the 12-letter Activation Code << Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based credit monitoring service, via U.S. mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode <<Insert static 6-digit Telephone Pass Code>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and **<<Enrollment Deadline>>**. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE:

- Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score.
- The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more.
- The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the 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. The security 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 security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report 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 security freeze

on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
PO Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	PO Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-800-685-1111
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	www.transunion.com/credit-	www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
	freeze	report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
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- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
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www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	www.transunion.com/fraud-	www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
	victim-resource/place-fraud-	report-services
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Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); 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. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. 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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents: The Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-410-528-8662, www.oag.state.md.us.

For North Carolina residents: The Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000, <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

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 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 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 by visiting <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</u>, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For Rhode Island residents: The Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903; <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>, 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are 0 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

For New York residents: The Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; https://ag.ny.gov/.

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Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <</Name 1>>:

Grossberg Company, LLP ("Grossberg"), is writing to inform you of a recent event that may impact the security of some of your minor child's information. Although we are unaware of any actual misuse of your child's information, we are providing you with information about the event, our response, and steps you may take to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Happened? Grossberg recently learned of unusual activity related to an employee's email account. Upon learning of the suspicious activity, we immediately took steps to secure our email system and conducted an extensive investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation confirmed, to the best of our knowledge, that a Grossberg employee email account was logged into by an unknown actor between May 1, 2020 and May 4, 2020.

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What Information Was Involved. We determined the following types of information relating to your minor child was present in the email account and therefore potentially accessed by the unknown actor during this incident: your child's name, address, and your child's <<insert data elements>>. We are unaware that any of this information was misused by the unknown actor and Grossberg is providing this notice in an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of your child's personal information seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took steps to secure the affected email account. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are working to review our existing policies and procedures and to implement additional safeguards to further secure the information in our systems. We are also notifying state authorities, as required. While we are unaware of any misuse of your information as a result of this incident, we are offering your child access to 12 months of minor monitoring services through Equifax.

What You Can Do. You can find out more about how to protect against potential identity theft and fraud in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Child's Information*. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your minor's account statements and credit reports, if available,

for suspicious activity. You may also enroll in the complimentary minor monitoring services described above. Enrollment instructions are attached to this letter.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, please call us. You may also write to Grossberg at 6500 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20817.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name] [Title] Grossberg Company, LLP

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION

<<INSERT ACTIVATION CODE>>

Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in Equifax Child Identity Monitoring go to <u>http://myservices.equifax.com/efx1_brminor</u> and follow the instructions below:

1. Welcome Page: Enter the Activation Code provided at the top of this page in the "Activation Code" box and click the "Submit" button.

2. Register: Complete the form with <u>YOUR</u> contact information first (name, gender, home address, date of birth, Social Security Number and telephone number) and click the "Continue" button.

3. Create Account: Complete the form with your email address, create a User Name and Password, after reviewing the Terms of Use, check the box to accept the Terms of Use and click the "Continue" button.

4. Verify ID: The system will then ask you up to four security questions to verify your identity. Please answer the questions and click the "Submit Order" button.

5. Order Confirmation: This page shows you your completed enrollment. Please click the "View My Product" button to access the product features.

6. Click the orange button "Enroll Child" to enter your child's information (child's name, Date of Birth and Social Security Number). Note: if you enter the child's SSN incorrectly, you will need to remove the minor by going to your Member Center and clicking on "My Account" to remove the minor from the account. You may then re-enroll the minor with the correct SSN.

7. Check the box confirming you are the child's parent or guardian.

8. Click "Submit" to enroll your child.

Product Information

Equifax Child Identity Monitoring will scan the Equifax credit database for any instances of the minor's social security number and look for a copy of the minor's Equifax credit file.

- If no SSN match is found and no Equifax credit file exists, Equifax will create an Equifax credit file in the minor's name and immediately "lock" the Equifax credit file. This will prevent access to the minor's Equifax credit file in the future. If Equifax receives a request for your minor's Equifax credit report, you will receive an email alert.
- If there is a match and an Equifax credit file exists, Equifax will immediately "lock" the file and alert you to activity against the file, such as an attempt to open a new line of credit.
- The minor's Equifax credit file will be locked for 12 months from date of activation. After that time, the minor's Equifax credit file will be deleted from our credit database if it contains no credit data.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your minor's account statements, and to monitor your minor's credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors.

While minors under the age of 18 typically do not have credit files, the following information relates to protecting one's credit once established.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit

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Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Grossberg Company, LLP ("Grossberg"), writes to inform you of a recent event that may impact the security of some personal information of certain family members of employees at Grossberg. We are providing you with information about the event, our response, and steps you may take to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Happened? Grossberg recently learned of unusual activity related to an employee's email account. Upon learning of the suspicious activity, we immediately took steps to secure our email system and conducted an extensive investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation confirmed, to the best of our knowledge, that a Grossberg employee email account was logged into by an unknown actor between May 1, 2020 and May 4, 2020.

What Information Was Involved? We determined the following types of information relating to you as a family member of a Grossberg employee were present in the email account and therefore potentially accessed by the unknown actor: your name, address, and your <<insert data elements>>. Although we have no indication the personal information in the email account was misused, we provide this notice in an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of your personal information seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took steps to secure our email system. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are working to review our existing policies and procedures and to implement additional safeguards to further secure the information in our systems. We also notified state regulators, as required. We are also offering you access to 12 months of complimentary of credit/minor monitoring and identity restoration services through ID Shield.

What You Can Do. You can find out more about how to protect against potential identity theft and fraud in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information*. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services described above. Enrollment instructions are attached to this letter.

For More Information. If you have additional questions, please call us. You may also write to Grossberg at 6500 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20817.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name] [Title] Grossberg Company, LLP

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enrollment Instructions

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Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your minor's account statements, and to monitor your minor's credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors.

While minors under the age of 18 typically do not have credit files, the following information relates to protecting one's credit once established.

Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the 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. The security 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 security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report 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 security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
PO Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	PO Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-800-685-1111
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	www.transunion.com/credit-	www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
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In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
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