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# 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 Hupy & Abraham, S.C. ("Hupy & Abraham"), located at 111 E Kilbourn Ave #1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Hupy & Abraham is writing to notify your office of an incident that may impact the privacy of personal information relating to one (1) New Hampshire resident. Hupy & Abraham reserves the right to supplement this notice may be supplemented with new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission By providing this notice, Hupy & Abraham does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

#### Nature of the Data Event

On June 10, 2020, Hupy & Abraham learned of unusual activity impacting the operability of certain systems. Accordingly, Hupy & Abraham immediately commenced an investigation, working with third-party forensic investigators, to assess the nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that an unknown actor encrypted certain of Hupy & Abraham's systems and acquired or accessed a limited number of files from the systems between June 6, 2020 and June 12, 2020. Therefore, Hupy & Abraham undertook a review of the affected dataset to confirm the type of personal information contained in the affected dataset and the individuals to whom it related. This review was completed on August 4, 2020.

The investigation determined that the following types of information related to New Hampshire residents may have been accessible within the affected systems: name, Social Security number. To date, the investigation has found no evidence of any actual or attempted misuse of personal information as a result of this event.

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### Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On August 28, 2020, Hupy & Abraham provided written notice of this incident to potentially affected individuals. This includes approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident whose personal information under state law may have been accessible. Written notice to the individuals is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

## Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon learning of this incident, Hupy & Abraham moved quickly to assess the security of its systems, reset passwords, and to notify potentially impacted individuals. Hupy & Abraham is also offering complimentary access to 12 months of credit and identity monitoring services, including identity restoration services, through Experian for affected individuals, and the contact information for a dedicated call center for potentially affected individuals to contact with questions or concerns regarding this incident.

Additionally, Hupy & Abraham is providing affected individuals with guidance on how to better protect themselves against identity theft and fraud. This guidance includes 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 about incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, the respective state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud. Hupy & Abraham will also be providing notice of this event to other regulators as may be required under applicable state law.

#### **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at 267-930-4842.

Very truly yours,

Vince Regan of

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VFR:hyb Enclosure

# Exhibit A



Return Mail Processing PO Box 589 Claysburg, PA 16625-0589

August 28, 2020

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear Sample A Sample:

Hupy & Abraham, S.C. ("Hupy & Abraham") writes to make you aware of a recent incident involving your personal information. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, this letter provides you with more information about what happened and what we are doing in response.

What Happened? On June 10, 2020, Hupy & Abraham learned of unusual activity impacting the operability of certain of its systems. Accordingly, we immediately commenced an investigation, working with third-party forensic investigators, to assess the nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that an unknown actor encrypted certain of Hupy & Abraham's systems and acquired or accessed a limited number of files from the systems between June 6, 2020 and June 12, 2020. Therefore, we undertook a review of the affected dataset to confirm the type of personal information contained in the affected dataset and the individuals to whom it related. This review was completed on August 4, 2020.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined that your first and last name, as well as your data elements, were stored within one of the systems whose data was collected by the malware.

What Are We Doing? We take the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to assess the security of our systems, reset passwords, and to notify potentially impacted individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to information security, we are also reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures, including the deployment of multi-factor authentication on our VPN network. We will also be reporting this incident to necessary state regulators. Additionally, while we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, in an abundance of caution, we are notifying potentially impacted individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so, and providing you with access to one (1) year of identity protection service through Experian at no cost to you.

What Can You Do. Please review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information" for further details, which contain more information on the identity monitoring services we are offering and how to activate them.



For More Information. We recognize you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at (844) 933-2743 (toll free), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Central Time, and Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Central Time (excluding U.S. national holidays).

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you. Protecting your information is important to us, and Hupy & Abraham remains committed to safeguarding information in our care.

Sincerely,

Jason Abraham, Esq. Managing Partner

Hupy & Abraham, S.C.

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

# Enroll in Complimentary Identity Monitoring Services

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary one (1) year membership to Experian's IdentityWorks. Experian's offering includes credit monitoring and identity restoration support. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- 1. Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/credit
- 2. Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI
- 3. You have until 11/30/2020 to activate your identity monitoring services. Your activation code will not work after this date.

If you have questions about Experian's offering or need assistance with identity restoration, please contact Experian's customer care team at (844) 933-2743 by 11/30/2020. Be prepared to provide engagement number DB22199 proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

## **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 (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three (3) major credit bureaus listed below directly to request a free copy of your credit report. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

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 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

Trans Union P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-888-909-8872

freeze

Equifax P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 1-800-685-1111 www.transunion.com/credit-www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-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:
- 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
- 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, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.



As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one (1) 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 you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven (7) years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

Trans Union
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com/
fraud-alerts

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-766-0008
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

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; <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 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. 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 may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; or <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us">www.oag.state.md.us</a>.

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 violators. 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. We encourage you to Fair Credit Reporting review your rights pursuant to the Act www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf or by writing to Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For North Carolina residents, the Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400; or <a href="www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>. You can also obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

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; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov">https://ag.ny.gov</a>.