October 3, 2017

Joseph Foster Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: LPL Financial LLC Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General Foster:

We are writing to notify you of a security incident involving personal information of one New Hampshire resident.

Nature of the Incident. On September 20, 2017, LPL Financial (LPL) received notice from one of its third-party audit firms that the audit firm experienced an email compromise. The service provider reported that the email accounts involved may have contained the personal information of certain LPL clients. Importantly, the incident did not involve LPL's systems or email accounts.

Investigating the Disclosure. Upon learning about the incident, LPL immediately launched an investigation and, working with the service provider, identified those LPL clients whose personal information may have been contained in the email accounts involved. Findings from the investigation show that the email accounts contained the personal information of one New Hampshire resident, including name, address, Social Security number and LPL account number.

Communicating with Affected Individual. Although LPL has no indication that personal information was misused in any way, commencing today, LPL is sending written notification via U.S. regular mail to one New Hampshire residents in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20. A sample notification letter is attached to this letter as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

Services to Affected Individual. LPL is offering the potentially affected individuals a one-year subscription to Experian's IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B, a credit monitoring and identity theft protection product. In addition, LPL has prepared its call center to answer questions about the incident from potentially affected individuals. LPL is also recommending that potentially affected individuals remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud and identity theft by reviewing their account statements and credit reports for unauthorized activity.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Sample Notification Letter

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Dear Mr.

As a former client of LPL Financial LLC, protecting your privacy remains a top priority for our firm. Regrettably, on September 20, 2017 we were notified that a service provider of LPL suffered an email compromise. As a result, your personal information, including name, address, Social Security number and LPL account number may have been exposed to unauthorized access or acquisition.

We maintain a strong commitment to protecting your information and strive to communicate openly should it ever be compromised. While we have no evidence that the information has been misused, we wanted to make you aware of the incident and the steps we are taking to help safeguard your personal information. With any incident, LPL Financial considers whether to amend our current procedures to prevent similar incidents from occurring and, if improvements are merited, procedures are revised.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information 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 (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 this Identity Restoration assistance offering is available to you for **one-year** 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. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

<u>While Identity Restoration assistance is immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the complimentary one-year membership to the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorksSM. This product provides you with additional services including, identity detection and resolution of identity theft. Please complete the steps below to activate your Experian IdentityWorks membership:

Activate Experian IdentityWorksSM Now in Four Easy Steps

- 1. ENSURE That You Enroll By: [December 31,2017]
- VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website: <u>https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcreditone</u> or call (877) 890-9332 to enroll
- 3. PROVIDE Your Activation Code [
- 4. PROVIDE Your Engagement Number.

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

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Experian's customer care team at 877-890-9332. Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

Additional Details Regarding Your 12-Month Experian IdentityWorks[™] Membership:

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

Once your Experian IdentityWorks membership is activated, you will receive the following features:

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, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help vou • 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.²

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information.

In addition to Experian's IdentityWorksSM service, we advise you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your credit reports regularly. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account, by contacting one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc. P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 (888) 766-0008 www.equifax.com

Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 (888) 397-3742 www.experian.com TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Department P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834 (800) 680-7289 www.transunion.com

You may also obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following:

For all US Residents: Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) FTC-HELP or (877) 382-4357) http://www.ftc.gov

For Maryland Residents: Maryland Office of the Attorney General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888)-743-0023 http://www.oag.state.md.us/index.htm http://www.ncdoj.gov/

For North Carolina Residents: NC Attorney General's Office **Consumer Protection Division** 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 (919) 716-6000

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

² Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

You have the right to file a police report regarding this breach in the county in which you reside. You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. By filing and obtaining a copy of the police report, you will be able to avoid the fee associated with obtaining a security freeze. You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report by sending a request in writing to all credit reporting agencies. A security freeze will prohibit the credit reporting agency from releasing your credit report or any information without your express consent and is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. A security freeze may, however, delay your ability to obtain credit. To place a freeze, you must write each of the following three credit reporting agencies:

- Equifax Security Freeze, P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, Georgia 30348
- Experian Security Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013
- TransUnion Security Freeze, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6760

The following information must be provided when requesting a security freeze:

- Full name (including middle initial and suffix), address, Social Security number, and date of birth
- All addresses where you have lived during the past five years
- A copy of your driver license or other government-issued identification card
- A copy of a utility bill or bank or insurance statement that displays your name, current mailing address, and date of issue
- Police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning the identity theft; or, if unavailable, a fee may be incurred for each placement, temporary lift, or removal of a security freeze

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this situation may cause. We at LPL Financial believe it is important for you to be fully informed of any potential risk resulting from this incident. Maintaining the privacy of your information is a key priority for LPL Financial, and we will continue to take the needed steps to protect your information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call either your LPL Financial advisor directly or the LPL Financial Client Service Line at (800) 877-7210 x6835, between 5:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PST.

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