

May 22, 2023

Attorney General John Formella Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03302 DOJ-CPB@DOJ.NH.GOV

Re: Notification of Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Formella:

We are writing to inform you that our client, NCB Management Services, Inc. ("NCB"), on behalf of itself and, where applicable, certain of its clients, is notifying individuals of a data security incident that may have impacted some of their personal information, including approximately 2,938 individuals who reside in New Hampshire. The NCB clients who have elected to be identified in this notification are listed in **Schedule A** hereto.

On February 4, 2023, NCB observed unusual activity on its networks and immediately began investigating with the assistance of outside experts who discovered that an unauthorized party gained access to NCB's systems on February 1, 2023. NCB took immediate action to identify and contain the intrusion and eliminate the unauthorized activity on NCB's systems. After a thorough investigation, NCB determined that the unauthorized party accessed documents containing the personal information of certain NCB employees, individual NCB account holders and account holders of certain of NCB's clients. NCB finished its investigation on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and began notifying the affected clients thereafter.

The information related to New Hampshire residents may include one or more of the following data elements, in combination with

. NCB has received assurance

that the unauthorized third party no longer has access to any personal information in connection with this incident. NCB has no indication that any personal information has been misused as a result of the incident.

NCB takes the security of personal information very seriously and has taken steps to prevent a reoccurrence by increasing the monitoring of its networks, further improving access controls, and hardening its systems. NCB has implemented a number of additional security measures to increase its ability to monitor and detect any threats. NCB is also conducting additional training of its

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workforce on data security. NCB has notified and is cooperating with federal law enforcement authorities.

NCB began mailing the attached notification letters in **Schedule B** to all potentially affected individuals beginning May 19, 2023. The three major Credit Reporting Agencies are also being notified.

NCB is offering identity theft protection services at no charge through a data breach and recovery service, Kroll. Services include 24 months of credit monitoring, a \$1,000,000 identity fraud loss reimbursement, fraud consultation, and identity theft restoration. Information regarding these services, as well as additional information to assist with enrollment, is included in the notification letter mailed to potentially affected individuals.

Please contact me for any additional information. Best Regards,

Jena Valdetero Shareholder

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# Schedule A Named Affected NCB Business Partners

NCB is providing notice on behalf of its business partners, including, but not limited to, the following:

NCB Business Partner	Approximate Number of Impacted New Hampshire Residents
Pathward®, National Association	171

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# Schedule B Individual Notification Letters

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WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED: The information involved may have included your first and last name, and one or more of the following pieces of information: <<br/>b2b\_text\_2(Data Elements)>>. We are not aware of any use or distribution of this information.

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For more information about Kroll and your identity monitoring services, you can visit www.info.krollmonitoring.com.

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We regret the concern or inconvenience this incident may cause you.

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Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze for yourself or your spouse or a minor under 16: (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; (5) proof of current address, such as current utility or telephone bill, bank, or insurance statement; (6) legible photocopy of 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. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. It is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. However, fees may apply to other services offered by the consumer reporting agencies.

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Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

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Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

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### For residents of all states:

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It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing payment card account statements and monitoring your credit reports for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, for free, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, 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 at <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</a>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (<a href="https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf">https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf</a>), Experian (<a href="https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html">https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</a>), or Transunion (<a href="https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert">https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert</a>). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. Initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze for yourself or your spouse or a minor under 16: (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; (5) proof of current address, such as current utility or telephone bill, bank, or insurance statement; (6) legible photocopy of 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. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. It is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. However, fees may apply to other services offered by the consumer reporting agencies.

**Equifax Security Freeze** 

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/ 888-298-0045 Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013-9544 https://www.experian.com/help/ 888-397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 https://www.transunion.com/credit-help 800-916-8800

You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

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



#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

# Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you will have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

# \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

#### Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

#### Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.