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# VIA U.S. MAIL

John Formella Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Shoes For Crews – Incident Notification

Dear Mr. Formella:

As you are aware, McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Shoes For Crews. I am writing to provide supplemental notification of an incident at Shoes For Crews. The incident was previously reported to your office in February. This supplemental notification impacts approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. Shoes For Crews' investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, Shoes For Crews does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

Shoes For Crews recently discovered unauthorized access to its network. Upon learning of this issue, Shoes For Crews contained and secured the threat, and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of this investigation, Shoes For Crews has been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations. After a thorough investigation, Shoes For Crews determined that the unauthorized party potentially removed certain files and folders from one of its file servers. After an extensive manual review of documents at issue, Shoes For Crews discovered on May 11, 2022 that the potentially acquired information contained a limited amount of personal information, including the affected resident's full name and Social Security number.

Shoes For Crews has no indication that any information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Shoes For Crews wanted to inform you (and the affected resident) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected resident against identity fraud. Shoes For Crews is providing the affected resident with notification of this incident commencing on or about June 10, 2022 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Shoes For Crews is providing 12 months of credit monitoring to the affected resident, and is advising the resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Shoes For Crews is advising the affected resident about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected resident is also being

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provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At Shoes For Crews, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Shoes For Crews is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. Shoes For Crews continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

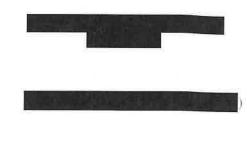
Should you have any questions concerning this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1360 or cczuprynski@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Christine N. Czuprynski

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Dear

We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident. The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Shoes For Crews. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your personal information.

# What Happened?

We recently discovered unauthorized access to our network.

## What We Are Doing

Upon learning of this issue, we contained and secured the threat, and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. We immediately launched an investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations to help determine whether any sensitive data had been compromised because of the incident. The investigation determined that the unauthorized party may have removed certain files and folders from one of our file servers. On May 11, 2022, after an extensive review of the data contained within those files and folders, we concluded that they contained personal information.

#### What Information Was Involved?

The potentially acquired files and folders included your personal information, specifically your

What You Can Do.

To date, we are not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your information as a result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to make you aware of the incident, explain the services we are making available to help safeguard you against identity fraud, and suggest steps that you should take as well. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. To the extent it is helpful, we have also provided information on protecting your medical information on the following pages.

# For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

Sincerely,

Shoes For Crews 5000 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33431

#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

# 1. Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Month Credit Monitoring.

# Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll:
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. 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 CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian Identity Works Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian Identity Works, you will have access to the following additional features:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of 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.

Activate your membership to	oday at
or call	to register with the activation code above.

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 refer to

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

### Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial 1-year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax Experian TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 105788 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 6790 Atlanta, GA 30348 Allen, TX 75013 Fullerton, PA 92834-6790 https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-reporthttps://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html https://www.transunion.com/fraudservices/credit-fraud-alerts/ (888) 397-3742 alerts (800) 525-6285 (800) 680-7289

# Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/
(800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, 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 reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing 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.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

### 4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.** com. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

# 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

If this letter indicates that your financial account number was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about ways in which you can protect your account, including obtaining a new account number.

**Iowa Residents:** You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer">www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</a>, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft">https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft</a>; Telephone: 800-771-7755 (TDD/TYY Support: 800-788-9898); Medicare Fraud Control Unit Direct Line: 212-417-5397.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Department of Justice, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="https://www.ncdoi.gov/">www.ncdoi.gov/</a>, Telephone: 877-566-7226.

**Oregon Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, <a href="www.doj.state.or.us/">www.doj.state.or.us/</a>, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

## 6. Protecting Your Medical Information.

If this notice letter indicates that your medical information was impacted, we have no information to date indicating that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. As a general matter, however, the following practices can help to protect you from medical identity theft.

- Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who are covered
  under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.
- Review your "explanation of benefits statement" which you receive from your health insurance company. Follow
  up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact the care
  provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the potential
  access (noted above) to current date.
- Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary. Follow up
  with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.