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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 Sims & Campbell located at 500 York Road, Towson, MD 21204, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to one (1) New Hampshire resident. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Sims & Campbell 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 or about August 10, 2021, Sims & Campbell identified suspicious activity related to two (2) email accounts within its email environment. Sims & Campbell immediately took steps to secure the email accounts and launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the event. The investigation determined that the two (2) email accounts were accessed by an unknown actor for various periods of time between August 4, 2021 and August 10, 2021. The investigation was unable to determine what emails, if any, were accessed by the unknown actor. As a precautionary measure, the accounts were then reviewed to determine if any personal information was stored within the accounts. This review identified certain personal information was stored within the accounts and was completed on October 26, 2021. Since then, Sims & Campbell worked diligently to locate address information and the effort is still ongoing.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, and Social Security number.

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Notice to New Hampshire Resident

On or about December 8, 2021, Sims & Campbell began providing written notice of this incident to affected individuals, which includes one (1) New Hampshire resident. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Sims & Campbell moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Sims & Campbell systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. Sims & Campbell is also working to implement additional safeguards. Sims & Campbell is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year, through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Sims & Campbell is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. Sims & Campbell is providing individuals with 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.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4786.

Very truly yours,

Ryan C. Loughlin of

MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

RCL/emc Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



10300 SW Greenburg Rd Suite 570 Portland, OR 97223 To Enroll, Please Call:
1-800-939-4170
Or Visit:
https://app.idx.us/accountcreation/protect
Enrollment Code:
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<<Name 1>> <<Name 2>>
<<Address 1>> <<Address 2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>
<<Country>>
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December 8, 2021

NOTICE OF << VARIABLE FIELD 1>>

Dear << Name 1>> << Name 2>>:

Sims & Campbell is writing to inform you of an event that may impact the security of some of your information. While we are unaware of any attempted or actual misuse of your 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? On August 10, 2021, Sims & Campbell identified suspicious activity related to two (2) email accounts within its email environment. Upon learning of the suspicious activity, we immediately took steps to secure the email accounts and launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the event. The investigation confirmed that the email accounts were accessed by an unknown actor for various periods of time between August 4, 2021 and August 10, 2021. The investigation was unable to determine what emails, if any, were accessed by the unknown actor. As a precautionary measure, the accounts were then reviewed to determine if any personal information may have been contained within the accounts. On October 26, 2021, this review identified certain personal information was stored within the accounts. Since then, we have been working to identify contact information for individuals with personal information accessible in the accounts to provide this notice.

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined that the personal information accessible within the two (2) email accounts may include your name and <<VARIABLE FIELD 2>>.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to investigate and respond to this incident, assess the security of relevant Sims & Campbell systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. Our response included resetting relevant account passwords and reviewing the contents of the affected account to determine whether it contained protected information. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information, we are also reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also review the information contained in the attached Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information. There you will also find more information on the credit monitoring and identity protection services we are making available to you and how to complete the activation process.

For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 1-800-939-4170 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday – Friday Pacific Time.

Sincerely,

Jane Sims

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Identity Protection

1. Website and Enrollment. Go to https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.

We are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<12/24 months>> of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. Please note the deadline to enroll is March 8, 2022.

- 2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- **3.** Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. Then, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 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 years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit 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 credit 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 credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 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, etc.); and

7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788		TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 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 District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. Sims & Campbell is located at 500 York Rd, Towson, MD 21204.

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

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

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.