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November 29, 2023

# VIA E-MAIL

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

E-mail: DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent American Premier Services, Inc. ("APS") located at 1511 E. St. Rd. 434, Suite 3017, Winter Springs, FL 32708, and write to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. This notice may be supplemented if significant new facts are learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, APS 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 October 13, 2023, APS identified suspicious activity on certain company computer systems and immediately took steps to secure its systems and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the activity. APS also promptly notified federal law enforcement. Through the investigation, it was determined that an unknown actor gained access to a limited number of computer systems; however, APS was unable to confirm what specific information, if any, was impacted due to the unavailability of certain data. Therefore, APS is providing notice to all company employees in an abundance of caution because of the uncertain nature of the event.

The personal information that could have been affected for New Hampshire residents includes:

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# Notice to the New Hampshire Resident

On or about November 29, 2023, APS provided written notice of this event to potentially affected individuals, including approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

# Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon identifying the event, APS moved quickly to investigate and respond to the event, assess the security of its systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, APS promptly reported the event to federal law enforcement and is working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. APS is also providing access to credit monitoring services for two years, through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this event, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, APS is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. APS 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.

APS also provided written notice of this event to appropriate state regulators.

# **Contact Information**

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

Very truly yours,

Samuel Sica, III of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT A**



Return Mail Processing PO Box 999 Suwanee, GA 30024

> > November 29, 2023

# [Notice of Data Breach]

Dear Sample A. Sample:

American Premier Services, Inc. ("APS") is writing to inform you of an event that may have affected the security of certain information related to you. While we have no indications of identity theft or fraud as a result of this event, this notice provides information about the event, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On October 13, 2023, APS identified suspicious activity on certain computer systems. We immediately took steps to secure our systems and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the activity. We also promptly notified federal law enforcement. Through our investigation, we determined that an unknown actor gained access to a limited number of systems; however, we were unable to confirm what specific information, if any, may have been impacted due to the unavailability of certain data. Therefore, we are providing this notice in an abundance of caution because of the uncertain nature of the event.

What Information Was Involved? The information that may have been present on the impacted systems includes: your

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities, and we take this event very seriously. Upon becoming aware of the activity, we immediately took steps to secure our systems and initiated a comprehensive response. We also reviewed our security policies and procedures and are implementing additional security measures to reduce the risk of similar future events.

As an added precaution, we are offering you access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services for at no cost to you, through Experian. Enrollment instructions are enclosed with this letter.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account and free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Additional information and resources are included in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. You may also enroll in the complementary credit-monitoring services available to you.

**For More Information.** If you have additional questions, please call our toll-free assistance line at 877-288-8056, Monday through Friday 8 am – 10 pm CST, Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 7 pm CST (excluding major U.S. holidays). You may also write to APS at 1511 E. St. Rd. 434, Suite 3017, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

Sincerely,

Nick Davis CFO American Premier Services, Inc.

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

# **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident 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 from the date of the incident (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 Identity Restoration is available to you for action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at

While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

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 Experian's customer care team at . Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR

## EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. 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.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: 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.

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

<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.

# **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 a free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their 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 consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any 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 a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of 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 they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/		help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

# **Additional Information**

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state attorney general. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <a href="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. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. To file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant 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, D.C. 20001; (202) 442-9828; and oag.dc.gov.

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/.

For New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their 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 consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers 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 consumers to review their 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.