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**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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

*Re: Incident Notification*

Dear Attorney General Foster:

On December 14, 2017, our client, Inspire Home Loans Inc. ("Inspire"), learned that a small number of customers had received fraudulent emails that appeared to come from email addresses associated with Inspire and their affiliated entities. Inspire immediately commenced an investigation, reset all email account passwords, and engaged a professional forensic security firm to determine whether employee email accounts had been accessed without authorization.

Inspire has determined that messages in the employee's email account may have contained personal information for a New Hampshire resident, including their name, address, and Social Security number.

Even though its investigation is still on-going, Inspire will begin notifying one (1) New Hampshire resident by U.S. Mail in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20 in substantially the same form as the document enclosed herewith.<sup>1</sup> Inspire is also offering the affected individual a complimentary one year membership in credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Experian and has provided a dedicated phone number to answer any questions that the individual may have regarding the incident.

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<sup>1</sup> This report is not, and does not constitute, a waiver of personal jurisdiction.

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To help prevent something like this from happening again, Inspire is implementing additional security measures and providing additional training to their employees regarding data security.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*M. Scott Koller*

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Enclosure



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Dear <<Name 1>>:

Securing and protecting individuals' confidential information is a top priority for Inspire Home Loans Inc. and it is a responsibility that we take very seriously. Regrettably, I am writing to inform you of an incident involving some of that information.

**What Happened**

Beginning on December 14, 2017, we learned that a small number of customers had received fraudulent emails that appeared to come from email addresses associated with Inspire Home Loans and our affiliated entities. We immediately commenced an investigation to determine if employee email accounts had been accessed without authorization and reset all email account passwords. We also engaged a professional forensic security firm to conduct a thorough review of all our employees' email accounts. On January 15, 2018, the forensic firm determined that an unauthorized actor had accessed emails in employees' accounts.

**What Information Was Involved**

Our investigation has determined that the affected email accounts contained a message with some of your personal information, including your name, address, and Social Security number.

**What We Are Doing**

We wanted to let you know this occurred and to assure you we take it very seriously. To prevent something like this from happening in the future, we are implementing additional security measures and providing additional training to our employees regarding data security.

To help protect your identity and as a precaution, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian's® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> is completely free, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. Unfortunately, due to privacy laws, we are not able to enroll you directly in this program.

**What You Can Do**

We encourage you to take advantage of identity theft protection services being offered. For more information on IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> and instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the next section of this letter.

**For More Information**

We deeply regret any inconvenience and stress this incident may cause you. If you have any questions, please call 1-888-311-2002, Monday through Friday from 6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Pacific Standard Time with questions.

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Finance and Accounting

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

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

- Ensure that you **enroll by: <<Enrollment Date>>** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: [www.experianidworks.com/credit](http://www.experianidworks.com/credit)
- Provide your **activation code: <<Enrollment Code>>**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-890-9332 by <<Enrollment Date>>. Be prepared to provide engagement number <<Engagement #>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

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 agents 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<sup>\*\*</sup>:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

**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](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration) for this information.

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

\*\* 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

## **MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF**

Even if you choose not to take advantage of this free credit monitoring, we recommend that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

*Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-800-685-1111  
*Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742  
*TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

*Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

**If you are a resident of Connecticut, Maryland, or North Carolina**, you may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at:

*Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, [www.ct.gov/ag](http://www.ct.gov/ag)

*Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us), 1-888-743-0023 (toll free when calling within Maryland) (410) 576-6300 (for calls originating outside Maryland)

*North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov), 1-877-566-7226

**Fraud Alerts:** There are two types of fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least 90 days. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by contacting any of the three national credit reporting agencies.

**Credit Freezes:** You may have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. In addition, you may incur fees to place, lift and/or remove a credit freeze. Credit freeze laws vary from state to state. The cost of placing, temporarily lifting, and removing a credit freeze also varies by state, generally \$5 to \$20 per action at each credit reporting company. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major reporting agencies by regular, certified, or overnight mail at the addresses below:

**Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
**Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
**TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.)
2. Social Security number
3. Date of birth
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, military identification, etc.)
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number ("PIN") or password or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identity of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

**Fair Credit Reporting Act:** You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, which promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. The FTC has published a list of the primary rights created by the FCRA (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>), and that article refers individuals seeking more information to visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit). The FTC's list of FCRA rights includes:

- You have the right to receive a copy of your credit report. The copy of your report must contain all the information in your file at the time of your request.
- Each of the nationwide credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – is required to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months.
- You are also entitled to a free report if a company takes adverse action against you, like denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment, and you ask for your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the credit reporting company. You're also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to look for a job within 60 days; if you're on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft.
- You have the right to ask for a credit score.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.
- Access to your file is limited. And you must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.
- You may seek damages from violators.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.