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Via Email (ATTORNEYGENERAL@DOJ.NH.GOV)

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Incident Notification
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Notification of a Computer Security Incident Involving Personal Information Pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. § 359-C:20

To whom it may concern:

We represent Tanton Grubman CPAs LLP (“Tanton Grubman”) in connection with an incident that may have affected the personal information of one (1) New Hampshire resident, and provide this notice on behalf of Tanton Grubman pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. § 359-C:20(I)(b). We will supplement this notice, if necessary, with any new significant facts discovered subsequent to its submission. While Tanton Grubman is notifying you of this incident, Tanton Grubman does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident or this notice, or the applicability of New Hampshire law on personal jurisdiction.

NATURE OF THE SECURITY INCIDENT

Tanton Grubman recently learned that an unauthorized third party gained access to a Tanton Grubman employee’s email account between September 4, 2020 and December 8, 2020. Upon discovering the incident, Tanton Grubman promptly secured the email account to prevent further access. Tanton Grubman conducted an audit of the account to determine if the account contained personal information. On January 14, 2021, Tanton Grubman determined the affected account contained a New Hampshire resident’s name and Social Security number.

Although Tanton Grubman is not aware of any unauthorized access or misuse of personal information as a result of the incident, out of an abundance of caution, Tanton Grubman provided notice of the incident to the potentially affected individual.

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NUMBER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS AFFECTED

Tanton Grubman notified the potentially affected New Hampshire resident by letter today, April 8, 2021. Enclosed is a copy of the notice that Tanton Grubman sent to the affected individual.

STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT

Upon learning of the incident, Tanton Grubman contained the incident by securing the affected email account to prevent further access. Tanton Grubman also engaged a leading forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of Tanton Grubman's email and computer systems. As mentioned, Tanton Grubman provided notice of the incident to the potentially affected individual. The notification letter included an offer for twelve (12) months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. Finally, Tanton Grubman is undertaking efforts to reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future, including implementing additional technical safeguards.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Radke

Enclosure

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear «Full_Name»:

Tanton Grubman CPAs LLP (“Tanton Grubman”) is committed to the privacy and confidentiality of its clients and community members. Unfortunately, we are writing to advise you of a recent incident that may have involved some of your personal information. **We have no reason to believe that your personal information has been misused for the purpose of committing fraud or identity theft or that any of your information was actually viewed by an unauthorized person.** Nonetheless, because your information could have been impacted, we are providing you this notice with guidance on what you can do to protect yourself, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? We recently learned that, from around September 4, 2020 to December 8, 2020, an unauthorized third party had access to a Tanton Grubman employee email account. A review of the contents of the account found that the account contained certain personal information.

What Information Was Involved? Based on our investigation and review, on January 14, 2021, we determined the impacted account contained some of your personal information, including your name [REDACTED].

What We Are Doing? Upon learning of the incident, we promptly secured the email account to prevent further access. We also retained a leading forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of our email and computer systems. In addition, we have taken steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including enhancing our technical security measures. Out of an abundance of caution, we are offering you a complimentary one-year membership to Experian IdentityWorksSM 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.

What You Can Do? As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. We also encourage you to activate the credit monitoring services we are providing to you.

Other Important Information: You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state’s attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”).

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Credit Reports: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax
1-866-349-5191
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion
1-800-888-4213
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016

Fraud Alerts: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Credit and Security Freezes: You may have the right to place 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 the 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. 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:

Equifax Security Freeze
1-888-298-0045
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion Security Freeze
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcftp_consumer-rights-summary_2018-09.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

This notice was not delayed by a law enforcement investigation.

Maryland Residents: Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

New York State Residents: New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>; (800) 771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; www.ncdoj.gov.

For Additional Information: We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call [REDACTED] from 8:00 AM EST - 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Tanton Grubman CPAs, LLP

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: [REDACTED] (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the **Experian IdentityWorks website** to enroll: [REDACTED]
3. PROVIDE the **Activation Code**: [REDACTED]. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ACTIVATION CODE IS CASE-SENSITIVE.**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at [REDACTED]. Be prepared to provide engagement number [REDACTED] 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 IdentityWorks 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 IdentityWorks, 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 ExtendCARETM:** 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 today at [REDACTED]
or call [REDACTED] 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 www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at [REDACTED].

* 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.