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VIA U.S. MAIL

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Re: Universal Insurance Programs, LLC – Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Universal Insurance Programs, LLC (“Universal Insurance”). I am writing to provide notification of an incident at Universal Insurance that may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. Universal Insurance’s 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, Universal Insurance does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

Universal Insurance recently learned that an unauthorized individual may have obtained access to a limited number of Universal Insurance employee email accounts between July 17, 2019 and August 1, 2019. Upon learning of the issue, Universal Insurance immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of its investigation, Universal Insurance has been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual email review, Universal Insurance discovered on April 2, 2020 that the impacted email account(s) that were accessed contained a limited amount of personal information, including the affected resident’s full name and bank account information.

To date, Universal Insurance has no evidence that any of the information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Universal Insurance 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. Universal Insurance will provide the affected resident with written notification of this incident commencing on or about May 12, 2020 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Universal Insurance will advise the affected resident about the process for placing fraud alerts and/or security freezes on his/her credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected resident will be advised to contact his/her financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect his/her account. The affected

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resident will also be provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

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

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1354 or jgiszczak@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



James J. Giszczak

Encl.



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Phoenix, AZ 85014

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY**



Dear [REDACTED]:

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 Universal Insurance Programs, LLC ("Universal Insurance"). As such, we wanted to provide you with information about the incident and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

We recently learned that an unauthorized individual may have obtained access to a limited number of Universal Insurance employee email accounts between July 17, 2019 and August 1, 2019.

What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of the issue, we immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual email review, we discovered on April 2, 2020 that the impacted email account(s) that were accessed contained some of your personal information. We have no evidence that any of the information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident.

What Information Was Involved?

The impacted email account(s) contained some of your personal information, including your <PII>.

What You Can Do.

This letter provides 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 account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

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 many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm MDT.

Sincerely,

Universal Insurance Programs, LLC

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

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 one 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

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com
1-800-525-6285

Experian

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

TransUnion LLC

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
www.transunion.com
1-800-680-7289

2. Consider 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 sending a request in writing or by mail, to all three nationwide credit reporting companies. To find out more about how to place a security freeze, you can use the following contact information:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.freeze.equifax.com>
1-800-685-1111

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://experian.com/freeze>
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze>
1-888-909-8872

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 monitoring 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 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.

3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each 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.

4. 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 this notice letter states that your bank account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution(s) to inquire about steps to take to protect your account(s), including whether you should close your account(s) or obtain new account number(s).