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**Attorney General Joseph Foster**  
Office of the Attorney General  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03302

Dear Attorney General Foster:

We represent Virgil Elliot Winn, CPA, commonly known as Virgil E. Winn, CPA (“VEW”) with respect to a recent security incident involving the potential exposure of certain personally identifiable information described in more detail below.

VEW is a certified public accountant located in Georgetown, South Carolina. VEW performs CPA services for individuals and organizations, including tax filing and preparation.

**1. Nature of security incident.**

On February 27, 2016, VEW learned that a possible security incident may have impacted the security of information stored on its servers. VEW immediately began an investigation and engaged independent, third-party forensic computer experts to assist. While the investigation is still ongoing, it appears that files stored on VEW’s system may have been accessed by an unauthorized individual. These files contain information related to tax filings and corporate disclosures, and may have included individuals’ names, addresses, Social Security number, and in some instances wage or earnings information.

**2. Number of New Hampshire residents affected.**

Two (2) New Hampshire residents were affected by the incident. A notification letter was sent to the affected individuals on March 30, 2016 via regular mail. Enclosed please find a copy of the notification letter.

**3. Steps you have taken or plan to take relating to the incident.**

VEW is taking steps to further increase its system security by strengthening its firewalls, adding additional monitoring capabilities, and reviewing its policies and procedures to ensure information in VEW’s control is appropriately protected. VEW has also informed law enforcement about this incident and are cooperating with their investigation. VEW is offering potentially impacted individuals identity restoration services through Kroll. Notice was also provided to the credit reporting agencies.

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**4. Contact information.**

VEW remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its systems. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [MVentrone@ThompsonCoburn.com](mailto:MVentrone@ThompsonCoburn.com) or (312) 580-2219.

Very truly yours,

Thompson Coburn LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M K Ventrone".

Melissa K. Ventrone

Enclosures



**VIRGIL E. WINN  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

<<MemberFirstName>> <<MemberLastName>>  
<<Address1>>  
<<Address2>>  
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip Code>>

<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

**Notice of Security Incident**

Dear <<MemberFirstName>> <<MemberLastName>>,

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by Virgil E. Winn, CPA ("VEW") that may have resulted in the exposure of your personal information, including your name and Social Security number. We value and respect the privacy of your information, and sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this may cause you. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information, and resources we are making available to help you.

**1. What happened and what information was involved:**

On February 27, 2016, VEW learned that a possible security incident may have impacted the security of information stored on our servers. We immediately began an investigation and engaged independent, third-party forensic computer experts to assist. While the investigation is still ongoing, it appears that files stored on our system may have been accessed by an unauthorized individual. These files contain information related to your tax filings, and may have included your name, address, Social Security number, and wage information.

**2. What we are doing and what you can do:**

Because we value the privacy and security of your information, we have engaged Kroll to provide single bureau credit monitoring and identity restoration services at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data.

**Your identity monitoring services include** Credit Monitoring, Identity Consultation and Identity Restoration. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

**Visit** <<IDMonitoringURL>> and follow the online instructions to take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

**Membership Number:** <<Member ID>>

Additionally, if you know or suspect you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends the following steps:

- Respond immediately to any IRS notice; call the number provided or, if instructed, go to [IDVerify.irs.gov](http://IDVerify.irs.gov).
- Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. Use a fillable form at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), print, then attach the form to your return and mail according to instructions.
- Continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.

If you previously contacted the IRS and did not have a resolution, contact the IRS for specialized assistance at 1-800-908-4490. The IRS has teams available to assist. You may also visit <https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection> for more information.

We want to assure you that we are taking steps to further increase our system security by strengthening our firewalls, adding additional monitoring capabilities, and reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure information in our control is appropriately protected. We have also informed law enforcement about this incident and are cooperating with their investigation.

**3. For more information:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-???-???-????, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Your trust is a top priority for VEW, and we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,

*Virgil E. Winn*

Virgil E. Winn, CPA



## U.S. State Notification Requirements

### **For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina:**

It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

### **For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:**

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

#### **Equifax**

P.O. Box 105139  
Atlanta, GA 30374  
1-800-685-1111  
www.equifax.com

#### **Experian**

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

#### **TransUnion**

P.O. Box 6790  
Fullerton, CA 92834  
1-800-916-8800  
www.transunion.com

You may also obtain a free copy of your credit report online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

### **For residents of Iowa:**

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

### **For residents of Oregon:**

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission.

### **For residents of Maryland, Illinois, and North Carolina:**

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Office of the  
Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
1-888-743-0023  
www.oag.state.md.us

North Carolina Office of the  
Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001  
1-877-566-7226  
www.ncdoj.com

Federal Trade Commission  
Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)  
www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft

### **For residents of Massachusetts:**

It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

### **For residents of all states:**

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to send a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law



enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. The consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of up to \$5.00 to place a freeze or lift or remove a freeze, but is free if you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agency. You may obtain a security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

**Equifax Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
<http://www.experian.com/freeze>

**TransUnion (FVAD)**

P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19022  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You've been provided with access to the following services<sup>1</sup> from Kroll:

### **Credit Monitoring through TransUnion**

You'll receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll investigator, who can help you determine if it's an indicator of identity theft.

### **Identity Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a dedicated licensed investigator at Kroll. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

### **Identity Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and will do most of the work for you. Your investigator can dig deep to uncover all aspects of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

<sup>1</sup> Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.