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To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:

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https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect

November 17, 2023

## <<Notice of Data Breach>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Strauchon & Company LLC writes to notify you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information as described below. We take the privacy of information in our care seriously. We are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to protect your information.

What Happened: We recently identified suspicious activity related to employee email accounts. Upon discovery, we took immediate action to address and investigate the incident, including performing a password reset and engaging third-party specialists to assist in conducting a full investigation. The investigation determined that certain employee email accounts were accessed by an unauthorized person between July 26, 2023 and August 1, 2023. The investigation was unable to determine which, if any, emails and attachments from the email accounts may have been accessed by the unauthorized person. Therefore, we reviewed emails and attachments from the accounts to identify the type of information potentially at risk and to whom that information related.

<u>What Information Was Involved</u>: On November 13, 2023, we completed the review of emails and attachments that were potentially at risk. The review identified an email or attachment within the account that included your first and last name, in combination with the following data elements: <<<u>Data Elements>></u>.

What We Are Doing: Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took the steps outlined above. Additionally, we are offering you 12 months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through IDX.

<u>What You Can Do</u>: You may enroll in the credit monitoring and identity protection services we are making available to you. Instructions about how to enroll in these services and additional resources available to you are included in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*.

<u>For More Information</u>: We understand you may have questions about this incident. You can contact our third-party dedicated assistance line at 1-800-939-4170, Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays) or write to us at 474 Sandhurst Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

We sincerely regret any concern this incident may cause you. The privacy of information is important to us, and we will continue to take steps to protect information in our care.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Strauchon, CFP President Strauchon & Company LLC

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

## **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

- **1. Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image or go to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is February 17, 2024.
- **2. Activate the credit monitoring** provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- **3. Telephone.** Contact IDX at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth:
- 4. Address for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card);
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

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

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax
1-800-680-7289	1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
TransUnion Fraud Alert	Experian Fraud Alert	Equifax Fraud Alert
P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105069
Chester, PA 19016-2000	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
TransUnion Credit Freeze	Experian Credit Freeze	<b>Equifax Credit Freeze</b>
P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105788
Woodlyn, PA 19094	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

#### **Additional Information**

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; and <a href="https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/">https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/</a>. Strauchon & Company LLC may be contacted at 474 Sandhurst Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; (vi) and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and activeduty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review vour rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act bv visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 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 <a href="https://ag.ny.gov">https://ag.ny.gov</a>.

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 <a href="www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and <a href="www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are <<a href="#">#>> Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.</a>

For Washington, D.C. residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW #1100, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400, and <a href="https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection">https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection</a>. Strauchon & Company LLC may be contacted at 474 Sandhurst Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143.