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IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

August XX, 2024

Re: Notice of Data Security <<VARIABLE TEXT 1>>- UPDATED¹

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have affected your personal information. At National Advisors Trust (National Advisors Trust Company, National Advisors Trust of South Dakota, and National Advisors Concierge Services, collectively referred to as National Advisors Trust "NAT"), we are committed to maintaining our clients' trust and demonstrating our commitment to the privacy and security of all information in our possession. That is why we are writing to notify you of this incident and to inform you about steps that can be taken to help safeguard your personal information.

What Happened: On April 17, 2023, NAT was alerted to suspicious emails being sent from an employee's web-based company email account. In response, we immediately implemented preventative and remediation measures while initiating an investigation into this activity. Additionally, we engaged third-party digital forensics experts to assist with determining the source and scope of the incident. This forensic investigation determined that an unauthorized individual accessed four employee web-based company email accounts that contain information about our clients.

With the assistance of outside data privacy and cybersecurity experts, NAT conducted an investigation to identify the individuals whose personal information may have been impacted by this incident and the categories of information potentially involved for each individual. NAT completed a comprehensive review of all affected information to identify which individuals were potentially impacted and locate relevant address information to effectuate notification to such individuals, which was completed on January 11, 2024. NAT completed a first wave of notifications to potentially impacted individuals on February 2, 2024. NAT conducted additional due diligence and identified a second wave of potentially impacted individuals to whom notice is being provided with this letter. Additionally, NAT is committed to notifying all necessary regulatory agencies as required under applicable state and federal law.

¹ NAT is aware that a formatting error by a third-party vendor we engaged may have led to a portion of the individuals we meant to notify on February 2, 2024, not receiving their original letter. If you previously received a letter from us on February 2, 2024, regarding this incident and enrolled in monitoring services, no further action is needed. Otherwise, if you are receiving this letter as part of our wave 2 mailing and have not enrolled in the services being offered, we encourage you to do so. We want to emphasize that this notification letter involves the original incident described above and there is no second incident.

Please note that we have no reason to believe that your information was published, shared, or misused as a result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we are notifying you to provide you with steps that you can take to protect your information.

What Information Was Involved: The information affected may have included your name, << VARIABLE TEXT 2>>.

What We Are Doing: As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above, including performing a thorough review of our systems to investigate the incident and ensure that our systems remain secure. We implemented additional security measures to protect our digital environment and minimize the likelihood of future incidents.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

What You Can Do. Receiving this letter does not mean that you are the victim of identity theft. We recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to protect your personal information. We encourage you to contact Epiq with any questions by calling <<TFN>>> or going to <<WEBSITE>>>.

For More Information. If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at <<**TFN>>**. This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9 am to 9 pm Eastern Time.

NAT takes your trust in us and this matter very seriously. Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

James A Combs Jr. President and CEO

National Advisors Trust

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- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. <u>Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.</u>

We recommend that you place an initial one-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 <u>one</u> 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 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
https://www.equifax.com/person
al/credit-report-services/creditfraud-alerts/
(800) 525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
https://www.experian.com
/fraud/center.html
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, PA 92834-6790
https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts
(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 contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/
1-800-349-9960

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze 1-888-397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
http://www.transunion.com/creditfreezee
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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 reporting 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 <u>each</u> 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 financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer, Telephone: 888-743-0023.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov/, Telephone: 877-566-7226.

Oregon Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392

New Mexico Residents: You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit www.ftc.gov.

In Addition, New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- 3. Information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You may contact these agencies using the contact information provided above.

Rhode Island Residents: You may contact law enforcement, such as the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to report incidents of identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150

South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, 401-274-4400. There were <RI STATE COUNT>> Rhode Island residents notified as a result of this incident.

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to chapter 48 of title 6 of the Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three (3) business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of an account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze -- either completely, if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor -- with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies can be contacted using the contact information provided above.

In order to request a security freeze, you may 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. Complete address;
- 5. Prior addresses:
- 6. Proof(s) of identification (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, birth certificate, etc.):
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.