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<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZipCode>>

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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving Weichert Financial Services, the Weichert Title Group and Weichert Realtors (“Weichert Companies”) that may have resulted in unauthorized access to some of your personal information, including your name and Social Security number. We take the privacy and protection of your personal information very seriously. Your trust is a top priority at Weichert and we deeply regret any inconvenience this may cause. This letter contains information about what happened, steps we have taken and resources we are making available to you to help protect your identity.

Weichert Companies provides services in support of the purchase and sale of real estate. In some states, a name search for any legal action must be conducted in conjunction with home sales. These searches retrieve records for individuals on both sides of a real estate transaction, as well as individuals whose names are the same or similar to the names of the buyers and sellers in a real estate transaction involving Weichert. If you did not participate in a real estate transaction involving Weichert, it is possible that your name and driver license number may have been retrieved in a records search as part of our research for one of these transactions.

During a data security risk assessment review, we discovered that several Weichert employee email accounts may have been accessed by unauthorized unknown individuals. We immediately took action, to secure the email accounts, and conducted an investigation with the assistance of third-party forensics firms. On October 31, 2018, we discovered that real estate transaction records containing your name, address, Social Security number, credit card number and/or driver license or other government issued identification number were contained in the email accounts that were accessed. We have no evidence of misuse of anyone’s information as a consequence of this incident and have reported this incident to law enforcement.

In an abundance of caution, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring, 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, Web Watcher, Public Persona, Quick Cash Scan, \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit krollbreach.idMonitoringService.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

*You have until **October 15, 2019** to activate your identity monitoring services.*

Membership Number: <<Member ID>>

To receive credit services by mail instead of online, please call 1-844-263-8605. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

We take the security of all information in our systems very seriously and want to assure you that we are taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. Those steps include engaging dual-factor authentication, forced password changes, strengthening our IT security and data retention procedures and policies, and reporting the incident to government regulators.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this matter may cause you and remain dedicated to protecting your information. Please see the addendum for additional steps you can take to protect your personal information. If you have any questions, please call 1-866-775-4209, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Cadematori". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Michael T. Cadematori, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
Weichert Companies

Additional Important Information

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 from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) 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, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney 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	Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General	North Carolina Office of the Attorney General	Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us	Consumer Protection 150 South Main Street Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov	Consumer Protection Division 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com	Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/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 by phone and online with Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf); TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>). 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. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

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 make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, 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. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion (FVAD)
P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 www.freeze.equifax.com 800-525-6285	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze 888-397-3742	P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 freeze.transunion.com 800-680-7289

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 services¹ from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will 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 fraud specialist, who can help you determine if it's an indicator of identity theft.

Web Watcher

Web Watcher monitors internet sites where criminals may buy, sell, and trade personal identity information. An alert will be generated if evidence of your personal identity information is found.

Public Persona

Public Persona monitors and notifies when names, aliases, and addresses become associated with your Social Security number. If information is found, you'll receive an alert.

Quick Cash Scan

Quick Cash Scan monitors short-term and cash-advance loan sources. You'll receive an alert when a loan is reported, and you can call a Kroll fraud specialist for more information.

\$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. 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 Theft Restoration

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

¹ Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. 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.