

August 13, 2020

**[SAMPLE INDIVIDUAL NOTIFICATION LETTER]**

[Address]

**NOTICE OF DATA BREACH**

Dear [First\_Name] [Last\_Name],

We are writing to tell you about a data security incident that may have affected certain information in our possession. We take the protection of your information very seriously and are contacting you directly to explain the circumstances, the steps we are taking in response, and the resources we are making available to you.

**What Happened?**

On or about April 28, 2020, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (“ACMG”) became aware that an unauthorized actor may have been able to exploit a vulnerability in third-party software ACMG uses. Upon discovering this, ACMG took prompt action to protect its systems and hired forensic experts to conduct a thorough investigation. On August 6, 2020, we completed our investigation, which concluded that the unauthorized actor may have had access to certain parts of ACMG’s systems starting on February 15, 2020, and that your personal information may have been accessed.

**What Information Was Involved?**

Information that may have been available through the impacted systems included your name, email address, and credit or debit card information.

**What We Are Doing.**

The safety and security of your personal information is of utmost importance to us. That’s why, as soon as we discovered this incident, we took prompt steps to protect our systems and brought in external forensic consultants that specialize in cyber attacks. Working with these forensic consultants, we took steps to confirm that the unauthorized actor’s access to our system was terminated, and all indications are that the actor has no further access to our systems. We continue to monitor our systems for unauthorized access, and have worked with cyber experts to introduce additional security measures to protect our systems.

### **What You Can Do.**

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitor free credit reports. In addition, we want to make sure you are aware of steps you may take to guard against potential identity theft or fraud. Please review the enclosed “Important Identity Theft Information” for information about what you can do.

As an added precaution to help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian’s® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by November 30, 2020** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll:  
<https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
- Provide your **activation code: [code]**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian’s customer care team at **1-877-890-9332** by **November 30, 2020**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **DB21793** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:**

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at **1-877-890-9332**. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration). You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

**For More Information.**

If you have further questions or concerns about this incident, please call us at 301-718-9603.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident.

Sincerely,

## **Important Notice**

### **Additional Ways to Protect Your Identity: Important Identity Theft Information**

You may wish to take additional steps to protect your identity. Here are some we suggest you consider:

#### **Reviewing Your Accounts and Credit Reports**

Federal regulators recommend that you be especially vigilant for the next 12 to 24 months. As part of staying vigilant, you should regularly review your account statements, and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the three national credit reporting companies. Those companies are:

<b>Equifax</b> 1-800-525-6285 Equifax.com	<b>Experian</b> 1-888-397-3742 Experian.com	<b>TransUnion</b> 1-800-680-7289 Transunion.com
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You can obtain your credit report from each of those companies for free once every 12 months. Free reports are available online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). You may also obtain a free report 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. If you do not have any free credit reports left, you can still purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three credit reporting companies listed above.

#### **Placing a Fraud Alert**

A fraud alert tells lenders that they should verify your identification before they extend credit in your name. Each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies can place a fraud alert on your credit report.

If you wish to place a fraud alert, contact any one of the three credit reporting companies listed above. As soon as one company confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts as well.

#### **Requesting a Security Freeze on Your Credit Report**

A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from your credit report without written authorization. Placing, lifting, or removing a security freeze is free of charge.

If you wish to place a security freeze on your credit report, you must do so separately at each credit reporting company. The credit reporting companies do not notify each other about security freezes.

Please be aware that while a security freeze is in effect, it may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any request you make for new credit, loans, mortgages, employment, housing or other services that require a credit check. If you want to allow a credit check for those or other purposes, you will have to lift the security freeze by contacting each credit reporting company. Each credit reporting agency will provide you a PIN number or a password when you place a security freeze. You will need that PIN or password to lift the freeze, and should be careful to record it somewhere secure.

### **Suggestions if You Are a Victim of Identity Theft**

If you find suspicious activity on your accounts or credit reports, or have other reason to believe your information is being misused, you should take the following steps:

File a Police Report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of a crime.

Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC provides useful information to identity theft victims and maintains a database of identity theft cases for use by law enforcement agencies. If you file an identity theft complaint with the FTC, your case will be added to that database. You can find more information and file a complaint online at [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov). You can also file a complaint by calling the FTC's toll-free Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You may also wish to obtain a copy of *Identity Theft: A Recovery Plan*, a guide from the FTC to help you guard against and deal with identity theft. It is available online at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009-identitytheft-a-recovery-plan.pdf>.

Exercise Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). You have certain legal rights under the FCRA. These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have credit reporting companies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. You can find more information about your rights under the FCRA online at [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf). The laws of your state may provide you with additional rights. Your state's attorney general or consumer protection department may be able to give you more information about your rights under state law.

Keep a record of your contacts. Start a file with copies of your credit reports, police reports, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. Keep a log of your conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, credit reporting companies, and other relevant parties.

### **Special Information for Residents of Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont**

Iowa residents may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached by visiting the website at [www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov), calling (515) 281-5164 or requesting more information from the Office of the Attorney General, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Maryland residents can learn more about preventing identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their web site at <http://www.oag.state.md.us/idtheft/index.htm>, calling the Identity Theft Unit at 1.410.567.6491, or requesting more information at the Identity Theft Unit, 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Massachusetts residents are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. There is no charge to place a security freeze on your account; however, you may be required to provide the credit reporting agency with certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to its honoring your request.

New Mexico residents are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above and you have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act as described above.

North Carolina residents can learn more about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their web site at <http://www.ncdoj.gov/Help-for-Victims/ID-Theft-Victims.aspx>, calling 1.919.716.6400 or requesting more information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001.

Oregon residents may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office. This office can be reached by visiting the website at [www.doj.state.or.us](http://www.doj.state.or.us), calling (503) 378-4400 or requesting more information from the Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096.

Rhode Island residents are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request. Residents can learn more by contacting the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General by phone at 1.410.274.4400 or by mail at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Vermont residents may learn helpful information about fighting identity theft, placing a security freeze, and obtaining a free copy of your credit report on the Vermont Attorney General's website at <http://www.atg.state.vt.us>.