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October 15, 2020

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Family Member of <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the potential data security incident we contacted you about on June 24, 2020 and July 23, 2020. At Kilpatrick, Rea & Associates, CPA, PC (“Kilpatrick”), we take the privacy and security of our client information very seriously. This is why I am contacting you to share further details about the incident, what we are doing to address it, steps you can take to help protect your family member’s personal information, and resources that we are making available to assist you.

What Happened? In June 2020, Kilpatrick personnel were informed that for some of our clients, 2019 tax filings were rejected because a 2019 tax return was already on file. When we learned this, we immediately informed the impacted clients and began an investigation. The investigation did not reveal any concrete evidence that the fraudulent tax filings resulted from a security lapse in our systems. However, out of an abundance of caution, we have upgraded our security software, changed all system and email passwords, and installed additional malware detection software on our systems. Additionally, we informed the Georgia Department of Revenue, local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Internal Revenue Service.

What Information Was Involved? The information that may have been involved includes name, address, and Social Security number.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above. In addition, we are offering you information about steps you can take to help protect your family member’s personal information.

What You Can Do: We recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to help protect your family member’s information.

For More Information: Further information about how to help protect your personal information appears on the following page. If you have questions or need assistance, please call 1-800-939-4170, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.

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

Sincerely,



Steven C. Rea, CPA
President/Managing Partner
Kilpatrick, Rea & Associates, CPA, PC

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO FURTHER PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant and review your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC").

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/>, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can also contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax P.O. Box 105851 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com	Experian P.O. Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com	TransUnion P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016 1-877-322-8228 www.transunion.com	Free Annual Report P.O. Box 105281 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-877-322-8228 www.annualcreditreport.com
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Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. There is no charge to place, lift or remove the security freeze. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state. Contact information for the FTC is: **Federal Trade Commission**, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.consumer.ftc.gov or www.ftc.gov/idtheft, 1-877-438-4338. Residents of New York, Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island can obtain more information from their Attorneys General using the contact information below.

New York Attorney General Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 ifraud@ag.ny.gov 1-212-416-8433	Maryland Attorney General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 oag.state.md.us 1-888-743-0023	North Carolina Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 ncdoj.gov 1-877-566-7226	Rhode Island Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 http://www.riag.ri.gov 401-274-4400
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You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include knowing what is in your file; disputing incomplete or inaccurate information; and requiring consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>.

Personal Information of a Minor: You can request that each of the three national credit reporting agencies perform a manual search for a minor's Social Security number to determine if there is an associated credit report. Copies of identifying information for the minor and parent/guardian may be required, including birth or adoption certificate, Social Security card and government issued identification card. If a credit report exists, you should request a copy of the report and immediately report any fraudulent accounts to the credit reporting agency. You can also report any misuse of a minor's information to the FTC at <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>. For more information about Child Identity Theft and instructions for requesting a manual Social Security number search, visit the FTC website: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0040-child-identity-theft>. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies may be found below.