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Dear << Name>>:

We are writing to notify you about a recent data security incident that affects your personal information. Please read this letter carefully.

We have recently learned that on April 10, 2016, our computer system was compromised by an outside attacker who was able to gain access to our tax software. While we do not believe that any fraudulent tax returns were filed using our system, our investigation indicates that the unauthorized person did have access to the data in our system during this time. Thus, out of an abundance of caution, we are notifying every person who possibly could be affected by this incident because of their information being in our computer system. In that regard, based on our investigation, we believe this unauthorized person may have accessed documents or records containing your personal information, including your full name, address, social security number, and potentially your bank account number and/or date of birth if that information was included in the tax returns.

We have taken immediate steps in response to learning of this incident, including changing all passwords used to log in to our computers, creating a virtual private network (VPN) as an additional layer of security for remote connections to our system, and implementing additional technology and procedures to authenticate users when they log in to our system. We also have retained legal counsel and computer forensics specialists to help us investigate and respond to this incident. In addition, we have reported the incident to law enforcement and the IRS Criminal Investigation Division and are cooperating with them to investigate it further. We assure you that the security of your information is and will continue to be a top priority of our firm.

As an additional precaution for you, we have partnered with Equifax® to provide its Credit Watch™ Gold identity theft protection product for one year at no charge to you. A description of this product is provided in the enclosed material, which also contains instructions about how to enroll (including your personal activation code). If you choose to take advantage of this product, it will provide you with a notification of any changes to your credit information, up to \$25,000 in Identity Theft Insurance Coverage, and access to your credit report. You must complete the enrollment process by October 10, 2016. We urge you to consider enrolling in this product, at our expense, and reviewing the additional resources enclosed with this letter.

Regardless of whether you enroll in these services, you also may obtain a free copy of your credit report once a year online at www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling (877) 322-8228. Once you obtain your report, you should review it carefully for inaccurate or suspicious items. Even if you initially do not find any inaccurate or suspicious activity, the Federal Trade Commission recommends that you check it periodically because a victim's personal information is sometimes held for use or shared among a group of theirs at different times. For more information on how to protect yourself, visit the FTC's consumer website at www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity.

In addition, you can place a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit file by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below. A fraud alert tells lenders to contact you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts, while placing a security freeze will prevent lenders from accessing your credit report in connection with new credit application, which will prevent them from opening an accounting or extending credit.

Equifax 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com

We are very sorry for any concern or inconvenience this incident has caused or may cause you, and we encourage you to take advantage of the services offered herein. If you have any other questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated toll free number at 888-530-6756.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Slotin, CPA Managing Partner



Activation Code:

About the Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold identity theft protection product:

Equifax Credit Watch will provide you with an "early warning system" to changes to your credit file.

Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file in order to take advantage of the product.

Key features and benefits of the Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold identity theft protection product:

- Comprehensive credit file monitoring and automated alerts of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Wireless alerts and customizable alerts available (available online only)

Access to your Equifax Credit Report[™]

Up to \$25,000 in identity theft insurance with \$0 deductible, at no additional cost to you †

- Live agent customer service 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. to assist you in understanding the content of your Equifax credit information, to provide personalized identity theft victim assistance, and help initiate an investigation of inaccurate information.
- 90 day Fraud Alert placement with automatic renewal functionality* (available online only)

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or over the phone

To sign up online for online delivery go to: www.myservices.equifax.com/gold

- Welcome Page: Enter the Activation Code provided at the top of this page in the "Activation Code" box and click the "Submit" button.
- Register: Complete the form with your contact information (name, gender, home address, date of birth, Social Security Number and telephone number) and click the "Continue" button.
- Create Account: Complete the form with your email address, create a User Name and Password, check the box to accept the Terms of Use and click the "Continue" button.
- Verify ID: The system will then ask you up to four security questions to verify your identity. Please answer the questions and click the "Submit Order" button.
- Order Confirmation: This page shows you your completed enrollment. Please click the "View My Product" button to access the product features.

To sign up for U.S. Mail delivery, dial 1-866-937-8432 for access to the Equifax Credit Watch automated enrollment process. Note that all credit reports and alerts will be sent to you via U.S. Mail only.

- Activation Code: You will be asked to enter your enrollment code as provided at the top of this letter.
- Customer Information: You will be asked to enter your home telephone number, home address, name, date of birth and Social Security Number.
- Permissible Purpose: You will be asked to provide Equifax with your permission to access your credit file and to monitor your file. Without your agreement, Equifax cannot process your enrollment.
- 4. Order Confirmation: Equifax will provide a confirmation number with an explanation that you will receive your Fulfillment Kit via the US Mail (when Equifax is able to verify your identity) or a Customer Care letter with further instructions (if your identity can not be verified using the information provided). Please allow up to 10 business days to receive this information.
- † Identity Theft Insurance underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions. This product is not intended for minors (under 18 years of age).
- The Automatic Fraud Alert feature made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC

Additional Notification Information

For residents of California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming:

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. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account by contacting any one or more of the national consumer reporting agencies listed below. They can also provide you with information about fraud alerts and security freezes.

Equifax P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800) 685-1111 www.equifax.com Experian P.O. Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013 (888) 397-3742 www.experian.com

TransUnion P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19022 (800) 888-4213 www.transunion.com

For residents of lowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, and North Carolina:

State laws require us to tell you that you can obtain information from the Federal Trade Commission about steps you can take to avoid identity theft (including how to place a fraud alert or security freeze). If you are a Maryland, Michigan, or North Carolina resident, you may also be able to obtain this information from your state's Attorney General.

MD Attorney General's Office 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888) 746-0023 www.oad.state.md.us NC Attorney General's Office 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 (877) 566-7226 www.ncdoj.gov

MI Attorney General's Office P.O. Box 30213 Lansing, MI 48909 (877) 765-8388 www.michigan.gov/ag Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, DC 20580 1-(877)-IDTHEFT www.consumer.ftc.gov

For residents of Connecticut, Massachusetts, West Virginia:

State laws require us to inform you of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft. You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization; however, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, send a request to a consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze: (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; (5) Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill, (6) a legible photocopy of a government issued identification, and (7) 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. The consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of up to \$10.00 to place a freeze or lift or remove a freeze, unless you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agency.

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 www.equifax.com Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com TransUnion (FVAD) P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834 www.transunion.com