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NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Triangle Property Law, P.C. (“Triangle Law”) values your business and understands the importance of protecting your personal information. Triangle Law writes to inform you that it recently identified and addressed a data security incident involving its email systems that may have compromised your personal information. This notice provides information about what happened, what Triangle Law is doing in response, and steps you can take to further protect your information, including whom to call with concerns and the opportunity to sign up for free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.

What Happened? On or about July 13, 2021, Triangle Law became aware of a potential data security incident involving suspicious access to one of its employees’ email accounts. Triangle Law immediately changed all passwords associated with the email account and implemented additional security measures to further enhance its already robust data security platform. Triangle Law retained a professional forensic investigation firm to determine the nature of the security compromise and identify any individuals whose personal information may have been compromised.

What Information Was Involved? The forensic investigation concluded that there was evidence of unauthorized access to one (1) of Triangle Law’s employees’ email accounts. The forensic investigation was unable to determine the time frame of any potential unauthorized access, but that the unauthorized access likely took place on or around January 15, 2021. As a result, to exhaust investigative efforts, a full and time-consuming analysis of the impacted mailbox was performed. The investigation identified the existence of limited personal information within this mailbox, including <<Breached Elements>>. This comprehensive review process concluded on or about November 11, 2021. Triangle Law is providing this notification to you as you are one of the individuals with personal information identified in the impacted mailboxes. **Please note that it is entirely possible that your personal information was not compromised as a result of the incident.** Nonetheless, Triangle Law is providing you with this notification in an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing As stated above, in addition to the security protocols already in place, following identification of the data security incident, Triangle Law immediately changed all passwords associated with the email account and implemented additional security measures to further enhance its already robust data security platform. Triangle Law retained a professional forensic investigation firm to determine the nature of the security compromise and identify any individuals whose personal information may have been compromised. Please be advised that Triangle Law is continuing to identify and implement measures to further strengthen the security of its systems to help prevent this from happening in the future.

Additionally, in an abundance of caution and in further demonstration of our valued relationship with our clients, we are offering you a free 24-month membership to TransUnion *myTrueIdentity* credit monitoring and identity theft protection service. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. This product also includes various features such as up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible, subject to policy limitations and exclusions. TransUnion *myTrueIdentity* is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft protection and TransUnion *myTrueIdentity*, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary 24-month membership, please see the additional information attached to this letter. ***To take advantage of this offer, you must enroll by <<Enrollment Deadline>>.***

What You Can Do Triangle Law is aware of how important personal information is to you. We encourage you to protect yourself from potential harm associated with this incident by closely monitoring all mail, email, or other contact from individuals not known to you personally, and to avoid answering questions or providing additional information to such unknown individuals. We also remind you to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for unauthorized activity, and to report any such activity or any suspicious contact whatsoever to law enforcement if warranted.

For More Information For further information on steps you can take to prevent against possible fraud or identity theft, please see the attachments to this letter. We understand the importance of protecting your personal information, and deeply regret any concern that this may have caused to you. **Should you have any questions or would like further information regarding the information contained in this letter, do not hesitate to contact our toll free incident response hotline at 855-604-1674 any time between 9 am – 9 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.**

Sincerely,

Melissa Rosado, Esq.
Partner, Triangle Property Law, P.C.

Attachment 1: Protecting Yourself

We remind you to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing account statements and credit reports for unauthorized activity. **Residents of the United States are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting agencies.** To order your free credit reports, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free (877) 322-8228. 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.

You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. There are two types of fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud – an initial alert and an extended alert.

- **Initial Alert:** You may ask that an initial alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. A fraud alert does not impact your ability to get a loan or credit, but rather alerts a business that your personal information may have been compromised and requires the business to verify your identity before issuing you credit. Although this may cause some delay if you are applying for credit, it may protect against someone else obtaining credit in your name. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least 90 days
- **Extended Alert:** You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by contacting any of the three national credit reporting agencies. The agency that you contacted must notify the other two agencies.

Additionally, you have the right to put a **credit freeze**, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to access your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. However, unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each of the three national credit reporting agencies. 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. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

Below are the toll-free numbers and addresses for the three largest credit reporting agencies:

Equifax
P.O. Box 74021
Atlanta, GA 30374
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

Below is the toll-free number, address, and website address for the Federal Trade Commission, which you may contact to obtain further information on how to protect yourself from identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)
www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For residents of District of Columbia, Maryland, Rhode Island, and North Carolina: You can obtain information from the 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
Consumer Protection Division
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
1-888-743-0023
www.oag.state.md.us

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
1-401-274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

District of Columbia Office of the Attorney
General
Office of Consumer Protection
400 6th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
1-202-442-9828
www.oag.dc.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
1-877-566-7226
www.ncdoj.com

For residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island: 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.

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT. You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, which promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. The FTC has published a list of the primary rights created by the FCRA (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>), and that article refers individuals seeking more information to visit www.ftc.gov/credit. The FTC's list includes the following FCRA rights: (1) To receive a copy of your credit report, which must contain all the information in your file at the time of your request; (2) To receive a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months from each of the nationwide credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion; (3) To receive a free credit report if a company takes adverse action against you (e.g. denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment), and you ask for your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the credit reporting company. You are also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to look for a job within 60 days; if you are on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft; (4) To ask for a credit score; (5) To dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; (6) To obtain corrections to your report or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (7) Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (8) To restrict access to your file and to require consent from you for reports to be provided to employer; (9) To limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you receive based on information in your credit report; and (10) To seek damages from violators. Note - Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have additional rights.



Activation Code: <<Activation Code>>

Complimentary Two-Year *myTrueIdentity* 3B Credit Monitoring Service

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online, three-bureau credit monitoring service (*myTrueIdentity*) for two years provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion,[®] one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery

- To enroll in this service, go to the *myTrueIdentity* website at **www.MyTrueIdentity.com** and, in the space referenced as “Enter Activation Code,” enter the 12-letter Activation Code <<Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based, three-bureau credit monitoring service, via U.S. mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-855-288-5422**. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode <<Engagement Number>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and <<Enrollment Deadline>>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE:

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain two years of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score.

The daily three-bureau credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit files at TransUnion,[®] Experian,[®] and Equifax,[®] including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more.

The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)