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Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>,

Haverlock, Estey, & Curran LLC ("HEC") is writing to notify you of a recent data security incident that may have involved some of your personal information. HEC performs certified professional accounting services to <<br/>b2b\_text\_2(ClientID)>>, including but not limited to payroll services. HEC takes the privacy and security of your personal information very seriously, which is why we are informing you of this incident, offering complimentary identity monitoring services, and providing information about steps you can take to help protect your personal information.

# **What Happened**

On or about August 5, 2021, HEC became aware of unusual activity affecting certain QuickBooks Online accounts. Upon learning of this activity, HEC immediately took steps to secure its digital environment and launched an investigation. We engaged a leading, independent forensics firm to determine what happened and whether sensitive information was accessed or acquired without authorization as a result. This investigation determined that an unknown actor may have gained access to and obtained data from certain QuickBooks Online accounts without authorization. On August 26, 2021, HEC determined that some of your personal information may have been involved in the incident. We have no information at this time to indicate that your information has been misused.

### What Information Was Involved

The following information may have been impacted in connection with this incident: your name and Social Security number.

#### What We Are Doing

After discovering the incident, HEC completed the steps mentioned above. Additionally, HEC implemented additional security features to reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future and filed a report with law enforcement. We are cooperating with local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will provide whatever assistance is necessary to hold the perpetrator(s) of this incident accountable. Further, HEC is notifying you of this event and advising you about steps you can take to help protect your information.

Finally, out of an abundance of caution and to help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, HEC has 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, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until December 22, 2021 to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Membership Number s\_n>>

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

#### What You Can Do

Please review the enclosed "Additional Resources" section included with this letter. This section describes additional steps you can take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file. HEC also encourages you to enroll in the credit monitoring services being offered at no cost to you.

### **For More Information**

If you have questions, please call 1-???-????, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding some major U.S. holidays. Please have your membership number ready.

Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Keith Bourgoin, CPA Managing Partner

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### Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing 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 also should 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 (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 <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com/">http://www.annualcreditreport.com/</a>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, 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 print this form at <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf">www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf</a>. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**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 one year. 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 for up to one year at no cost. 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. 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.

Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 consumer.ftc.gov, and www.ftc.gov/idtheft

1-877-438-4338

North Carolina Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 ncdoj.gov 1-877-566-7226 Ohio Attorney General 30 E. Broad St, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ 1-855-224-6446

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf.



#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services 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 will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

#### **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 will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

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.