



Dear ,

We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident. The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to PayNorthwest, LLC ("PayNorthwest"). PayNorthwest was in possession of certain elements of your personal information in order to provide accounting-related services to your current or former employer, or to provide such services directly to you. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

An unauthorized party may have obtained access to a limited amount of data contained in a PayNorthwest employee's email account as a result of a phishing incident on or about April 23, 2020. It is important to note that this security incident was for one email account only and our payroll system and the data in it was not involved in any way.

What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of the issue, we promptly opened an investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working closely with external cybersecurity professionals.

What Information Was Involved?

After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we determined on April 1, 2021, that the impacted data included a limited amount of personal information, including your full name and Social Security number.

What You Can Do.

To date, we are not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your information as a direct result of this incident. Out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to make you aware of the incident, explain the services we are making available to help safeguard you against identity fraud, and suggest steps that you should take as well. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering you complimentary identity theft protection services through IDX, which includes 12 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. For further information on IDX, including instructions on how to activate your one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and/or Security Freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you

should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at ______. This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm Pacific Time.

Sincerely,

PayNorthwest, LLC

- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. <u>Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Month Credit Monitoring.</u>

- 1. Website and Enrollment. Go to and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of this letter.
- **2. Activate the credit monitoring** provided as part of your IDX membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- **3. Telephone.** Contact IDX at ______ to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

Please note the deadline to enroll is July 30, 2021.

2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12 month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion LLC

 P.O. Box 105069
 P.O. Box 2002
 P.O. Box 2000

 Atlanta, GA 30348
 Allen, TX 75013
 Chester, PA 19016

 www.equifax.com
 www.experian.com
 www.transunion.com

 1-800-525-6285
 1-888-397-3742
 1-800-680-7289

3. <u>Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.</u>

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting <u>all three</u> nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to <u>all three</u> credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security FreezeExperian Security FreezeTransUnion Security FreezeP.O. Box 105788P.O. Box 9554P.O. Box 2000Atlanta, GA 30348Allen, TX 75013Chester, PA 19016https://www.freeze.equifax.comhttp://experian.com/freeze1-800-349-99601-888-397-37421-888-909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a

confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

4. <u>Obtaining a Free Credit Report.</u>

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the City in which you currently reside.