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August 21, 2025

VIA U.S. MAIL:

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Re: Bouvier Beckwith & Lennox dba Bouvier Insurance - Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Bouvier Beckwith & Lennox dba Bouvier Insurance ("Bouvier Insurance"). Located in West Hartford, Connecticut, Bouvier Insurance is an insurance firm. I am writing to provide notification of an incident at Bouvier Insurance that may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. By providing this notice, Bouvier Insurance does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

On or about February 14, 2025, Bouvier Insurance detected unauthorized access to one (1) of their email accounts. Upon learning of the issue, Bouvier Insurance commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, Bouvier Insurance has worked very closely with external data privacy professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. Bouvier Insurance's review concluded recently and discovered on July 25, 2025 that personal information was included within the data that may have been viewed or acquired by the unauthorized actor.

To err on the side of caution, Bouvier Insurance wanted to inform you of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected residents against identity fraud.

Bouvier Insurance is providing the affected residents with notification of this incident, commencing on or about August 21, 2025. The notice will be in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Bouvier Insurance is advising the affected resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Bouvier Insurance is also advising the affected residents about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. Additionally, the affected residents are being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

¹ 29 North Main Street West Hartford, CT 06107

Individuals whose Social Security numbers were involved will be provided a complimentary 12-month membership with a credit monitoring service.

At Bouvier Insurance, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Bouvier Insurance is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. Bouvier Insurance continually evaluates and modifies its practices to enhance the security and privacy of the personal information it maintains.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (248) 646-5070 or dlane@mcdonaldhopkins.com.

Very truly yours,

R. David Lane, Esq.

Encl.

Exhibit A





P.O. Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728 Enrollment Code: Enrollment Deadline: November 21, 2025

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit: https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect

August 21, 2025

Dear <

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Bouvier Beckwith & Lennox dba Bouvier Insurance ("Bouvier Insurance"). We are writing to provide you with information regarding an email compromise incident that may have impacted your personal information. We want to provide you with information about the incident, advise you of the services we will be providing to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect personal information.

What Happened?

Bouvier Insurance detected unauthorized access to one (1) of our user email accounts our network on February 14, 2025.

What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of this issue, we immediately secured the environment and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on July 25, 2025, that between January 22, 2025 and February 13, 2025, an unauthorized actor may have accessed and/or acquired certain files containing your personal information.

What Information Was Involved?

The impacted files contained some of your personal information such as your name along with your

What You Can Do.

We have no evidence that any of the information has been misused. Out of an abundance of caution, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include:

of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed ID theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-800-939-4170, going to https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is November 21, 2025.

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

If you have questions, please contact our dedicated and confidential call center at 1-800-939-4170. The response line is available for 90 days from the date of this letter, between the hours of 9 am 9 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this may cause. We have taken this matter very seriously and will continue to take significant measures to protect the personal information in our possession.

Sincerely,

Bouvier Insurance 29 North Main Street West Hartford, CT 06107

- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. Enrolling in Complimentary -Months Credit Monitoring.

Website and Enrollment. Scan the QR image or go to https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.

Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection 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.

Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-800-939-4170 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 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
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraudalerts/
(800) 525-6285

Experian TransUnion

P.O. Box 9554 Fraud Victim Assistance
Allen, TX 75013 Department
https://www.experian.co
m/fraud/center.html
(888) 397-3742 Chester, PA 19016-2000
https://www.transunion.ce

https://www.transunion.com/frau d-alerts (800) 680-7289

3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

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:

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
https://www.equifax.com/perso
nal/credit-reportservices/credit-freeze/
(800) 349-9960
(888) 298-0045

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze
(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. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

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 this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

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.

report and obtain a copy of it.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov/, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

Rhode Island Residents: You may contact law enforcement, such as the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to report incidents of identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, 401-274-4400.

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to chapter 48 of title 6 of the Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three (3) business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of an account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze — either completely, if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor — with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies can be contacted using the contact information provided above.

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. Complete address;
- 5. Prior addresses;
- 6. Proof(s) of identification (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, birth certificate, etc.);
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

There were <<#>> Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.