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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General
Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301
E-mail: DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott & Cannon, PLLC (“GPEC”) located at 320 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37402, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to forty-two (42) New Hampshire residents. By providing this notice, GPEC does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

On April 24, 2025, GPEC became aware of potential unauthorized access to its systems. GPEC confirmed containment of its network environment and initiated an investigation with the assistance of outside professionals. The investigation determined that an unauthorized third party accessed certain GPEC systems on April 22, 2025, and may have accessed and copied certain files within those systems. A diligent review of files involved was conducted to identify whether they contained personal information, and if so, what personal information they contained and to whom that information relates. This review was completed on February 12, 2026, and identified that the affected files may have contained certain personal information. Please note that we have no evidence of fraud or misuse of personal information.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, Social Security number and driver’s license number.

Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On or about March 16, 2026, GPEC provided written notice of this incident to forty-two (42) New Hampshire residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, GPEC moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of GPEC systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. GPEC is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. GPEC is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through IDX, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, GPEC is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. GPEC is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

GPEC is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-6836.

Very truly yours,



Carolyn Purwin Ryan of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

CPR/kgf
Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott & Cannon, PLLC
P.O. Box 989728
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

Enrollment Code: <<ENROLLMENT>>

Enrollment Deadline: June 16, 2026

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>
<<Country>>

March 16, 2026

<<Variable Text 1>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott & Cannon, PLLC (“GPEC”) is writing to inform you of an event that may involve your personal information. This letter provides you with information about what happened, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your personal information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On April 24, 2025, we became aware of potential unauthorized access to our systems. We confirmed containment of our network environment and initiated an investigation with the assistance of outside professionals. The investigation determined that an unauthorized third party accessed certain GPEC systems on April 22, 2025, and may have accessed and copied certain files within those systems. A diligent review of files involved was conducted to identify whether they contained personal information, and if so, what personal information they contained and to whom that information relates. This review was completed on February 12, 2026, and identified that the affected files may have contained some of your personal information. Please note that we have no evidence of fraud or misuse of your personal information.

What Information Was Involved? The personal information present in the files involved in the event includes your name and the following: <<Variable Text 2>>

What We Are Doing. Upon learning of this event, we contained the network, conducted an investigation as described above, and are notifying individuals whose personal information was identified in the files that may have been involved in the event. We have taken substantial steps to reduce the likelihood of a similar event occurring in the future.

In addition, we are offering you access to <<Variable Text 3>> months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services through IDX. Please note that you will need to enroll yourself in these services, as we are not able to do so on your behalf. More information about the services and how to enroll in them is provided in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant in protecting against identity theft and fraud, including by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your credit reports for suspicious activity. Information about how to obtain a free credit report, credit freeze, and other guidance is provided in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*.

For More Information. If you have questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-888-201-4426 Monday through Friday from 9 am – 9 pm Eastern Time, excluding holidays. You may also write to us at 320 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

Sincerely,

Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott & Cannon, PLLC

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Monitoring Services

1. 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. Please note the deadline to enroll is June 16, 2026.

2. 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.

3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-888-201-4426 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer’s express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer’s name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, etc.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/data-breach-help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-799-5355
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; (202) 442-9828; and oag.dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://oag.maryland.gov>.

For New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There are approximately 2 Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.