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**VIA E-MAIL**

Office of the Attorney General of Iowa  
Consumer Protection Division  
Security Breach Notifications  
1305 E. Walnut Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0106  
E-mail: [consumer@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:consumer@ag.iowa.gov)

**Re: Notice of Data Event**

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Carlson Building Maintenance Inc., (“Carlson”) located at 1857 Buerkle Rd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one thousand one hundred eighteen (1,118) Iowa residents. By providing this notice, Carlson does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Iowa law, the applicability of the Iowa data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

**Nature of the Data Event**

Carlson recently completed its investigation of a sophisticated cyber incident. Working with third-party forensic specialists, the investigation determined that an unauthorized actor gained access to its network on September 22, 2025, viewing or taking certain files stored on the network during this period of time. Carlson recently completed a comprehensive and time-intensive review of these files and is notifying individuals based on the results of this review.

The personal information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name and Social Security number.

**Notice to Iowa Residents**

On or about April 3, 2026, Carlson provided written notice of this incident to approximately one thousand one hundred eighteen (1,118) Iowa 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, Carlson moved to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Carlson systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Carlson notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. Carlson is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Carlson is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through TransUnion to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Carlson 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. Carlson 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.

Carlson 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) 930-4782.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AWF', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Angelina W. Freind of  
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

AWF/jlm  
Enclosure

# **EXHIBIT A**

Carlson Building Maintenance Inc.  
c/o Cyberscout  
PO Box 1286  
Dearborn, MI 48120-9998



April 3, 2026

## NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear [REDACTED]:

Carlson Building Maintenance Inc., (“Carlson”) is writing to inform you of an event that may involve some of your information. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, we are providing you with information about the event, the response, and steps you may take to protect your information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

**What Happened?** Carlson recently completed its investigation of a sophisticated cyber incident. Working with third-party forensic specialists, the investigation determined that an unauthorized actor gained access to our network on September 22, 2025, viewing or taking certain files stored on the network during this period of time. Carlson recently completed a comprehensive and time-intensive review of these files and is notifying individuals based on the results of this review.

**What Information Was Involved?** The investigation determined that your Social Security number and date of birth, and name were stored within the files viewed and/or taken by the unauthorized actor. There is no evidence that any personal information has been misused as a result of this event.

**What We Are Doing.** We take this event and the security of personal information in our care very seriously. We immediately took steps to ensure the security of our systems and investigate the event. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of information in our care, Carlson is implementing additional technical security measures to strengthen the security of its systems. In addition to working with law enforcement, Carlson is also reviewing and enhancing data privacy policies and procedures.

Although we are unaware of fraudulent misuse of your information as a result of this event, as an added precaution we are offering you access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score** services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 12 months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. If you wish to activate these services, you may follow the instructions included in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*. You will need enroll in these services as we are unable to act on your behalf to do so.

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**What You Can Do.** We encourage you to remain vigilant over the next 12 to 24 months against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements, monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity, and reporting any suspected identity theft your financial institution. Please review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*, which contains information on what you can do to better safeguard against possible misuse of your information.

**For More Information.** We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please call the dedicated assistance line at 1-833-289-6643. This toll-free line is available Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET, (excluding major U.S. holidays). You may also write to Carlson at 1857 Buerkle Rd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Sincerely,

Carlson Maintenance Inc.

## Steps You Can Take To Protect Personal Information

### Enroll in Monitoring Services

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your 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](http://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:

<b>Equifax</b>	<b>Experian</b>	<b>TransUnion</b>
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a>	<a href="https://www.experian.com/help/">https://www.experian.com/help/</a>	<a href="https://www.transunion.com/data-breach-help">https://www.transunion.com/data-breach-help</a>
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](http://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](http://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://www.marylandattorneygeneral.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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [#] Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.