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# VIA U.S. MAIL

Office of the Rhode Island Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Complete Payroll Solutions, LLC ("CPS") located at 1 Carando Dr, Springfield, MA 01104, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to twenty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-four (28,184) Rhode Island residents. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, CPS does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Rhode Island law, the applicability of the Rhode Island data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

## **Nature of the Data Event**

On or around March 10, 2024, CPS identified suspicious activity in its systems. CPS then quickly launched an investigation into the nature and scope of this event. This investigation identified that an unknown, unauthorized individual accessed and or acquired certain information stored on CPS' systems. CPS then conducted a thorough investigation and review of the impacted files to identify if any sensitive information was at risk and to whom the information belonged. Following this review, CPS notified its affected customers and offered to provide notice to affected individuals on the affected customers' behalf, with a response deadline of April 4, 2025. Once the response window closed, CPS moved quickly to notify impacted individuals and relevant regulators

The information that was potentially impacted by this event includes name, Social Security number, driver's license number, financial account information, medical information, and health insurance information.

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### **Notice to Rhode Island Residents**

On or about April 25, 2025, CPS began providing written notice of this incident to twenty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-four (28,184) Rhode Island 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, CPS moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of CPS systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, CPS notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. CPS is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. CPS is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through Kroll, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, CPS is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. CPS is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, information on protecting against tax fraud, 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.

CPS 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) 930-1509.

Very truly yours,

Gregory J. Bautista of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

GJB/klh Enclosure

# **EXHIBIT A**



<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

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<<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>> <<address_l>> <<address_2>> <<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>> <<country>>
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# <<br/><<b2b\_text\_1 (NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT) / (NOTICE OF DATA BREACH)>>

Dear <<First\_Name>> <<Last\_Name>>:

Complete Payroll Solutions ("CPS") writes to inform you of an incident that may affect the security of your personal information. CPS provides payroll and HR software solutions to its clients. Accordingly, CPS maintains data associated with its clients' current and former employees, and some of your information was contained in the affected CPS systems. Out of an abundance of caution, we are writing to let you know what happened, what we have done, and what you can do to protect your personal information if you want.

What Happened? On or around March 10, 2024, CPS identified suspicious activity in its systems. CPS then quickly launched an investigation into the nature and scope of this event. This investigation identified that an unknown, unauthorized individual accessed and or acquired certain information stored on CPS' systems. CPS then conducted a thorough investigation and review of the impacted files to identify if any sensitive information was at risk and to whom the information belonged.

What Information Was Involved? The unauthorized individual likely accessed and or acquired information including your <<br/>b2b text 2 (name, [impacted data])>>.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care is one of our highest priorities. When we discovered this incident, we immediately reset system passwords, added extra layers of security, and investigated what data may be at risk. We also notified law enforcement. We are continuing to work to lower the chances of something like this happening again.

As an added precaution, we would like to offer you <<ServiceTerminMonths>> months of complimentary access to identity monitoring services through Kroll. If you wish to receive these services, you must activate by following the below activation instructions as we are unable to activate these services on your behalf.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review your accounts statements and credit reports to detect errors or suspicious activity. You can find more information about obtaining a free copy of your credit report, protecting against potential identity theft and fraud, and other resources available to you in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*. You may also activate the complimentary identity monitoring services available to you; detailed instructions for activating these services are enclosed.

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 need assistance, please contact us at (866) 651-3804 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Sincerely,

**Complete Payroll Solutions** 

### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

# **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

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

You have until << b2b\_text\_6(activation deadline)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com.

## **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 <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> 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/credit- help	
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800	
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, 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 Credit Freeze, 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; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 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 <a href="https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/">https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf">www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</a>, 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 <a href="https://ag.ny.gov">https://ag.ny.gov</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.ncdoi.gov">www.ncdoi.gov</a>.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; <a href="www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>; 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.



## 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 will 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.