



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Office of the Secretary

DEAN MARTINEZ
Secretary

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Governor

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Dear Financial and Professional Regulation Licensee:

I am writing to advise you that a breach of security occurred on a State of Illinois server containing your name and social security or employer identification number. Since uncovering the security breach, the compromised server has been isolated and all other like systems are being thoroughly checked by the State for breaches of security. Federal and State law enforcement agencies are investigating the security breach. At present, there is no indication that the unauthorized access to the server resulted in the theft of your personal identifying information. However, because the investigation is not finished, you should take steps to protect yourself from identity theft.

To protect yourself from the possibility of identity theft, we recommend that you place a fraud alert, which is free of charge, on your credit files. A fraud alert lets creditors know to contact you before opening new accounts. To place a fraud alert on your credit files, please contact one or all of the three credit reporting agencies at a number below. You will then receive letters from the credit reporting agencies, with instructions on how to get a free copy of your credit report from each.

Experian
888-397-3742

Equifax
800-525-6285

TransUnion
800-680-7289

When you receive your credit reports, please look them over carefully. You should look for accounts that you did not open. You should also look for inquiries from creditors that you did not initiate. Finally, you should also inspect the documents to look for personal information that is not accurate. If you see anything that you do not understand, contact the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports, and believe that someone is trying to use your identity to open credit accounts in your name, the attached letter from the Illinois State Police is intended to allow you to request that a security freeze be placed on your credit report at no cost. While this will prohibit anyone but you from opening a new credit account, it will make opening new accounts or increasing your credit lines more difficult, and therefore should be considered carefully. You should also file a police report if it appears that you are the victim of identity theft. Please ask for a copy of any report that is generated by the police because you may need to give copies of the report to creditors to clear up your records.

Even if you do not find any signs of fraud on your reports, we recommend that you check your credit report every three months for the next year. For more information on identity theft, we suggest that you visit the Web site of the Federal Trade Commission at www.consumer.gov/idtheft. For any other questions or concerns, please contact IDFPR at 1-800-532-8785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Martinez".

Dean Martinez
Secretary