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## NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear Sample A. Sample:

We are writing to notify you that certain of your personal information may have been subject to unauthorized access by an unknown third party.

### *What Happened?*

After our recent acquisition of the assets of Gumbiner Savett Inc. (“Gumbiner”), we identified suspicious activity occurring on Gumbiner’s legacy network. Because we believe that this suspicious activity may be indicative of an unauthorized intruder into the legacy network, we immediately initiated an investigation and are notifying you in an abundance of caution.

To be clear, we have not confirmed that there has been any identity theft or wrongful activity associated with your personal information. However, because of the risk associated with tax-related information, we wanted to inform you of the potential unauthorized activity and provide you with information and further assistance that may help prevent any future attempts at identity theft or other wrongdoing.

The suspicious activity appears to have taken place during the time period between November 2020 and September 2021. Following the acquisition in July 2021, our IT team quickly identified the suspicious conduct and took measures to stop it.

### *What Information Was Involved?*

An unauthorized individual gaining access to the information in the legacy Gumbiner application would have been able to view some or all of the following information: first and last name, mailing address, phone number, Social Security number, tax identification number, client identification number, and other information that you may have provided for tax advisement purposes, as well as similar information regarding any joint filers or dependents.

### *What We Are Doing.*

We are committed to ensuring the safety of you and your information. Upon discovery, we quickly retained outside security experts to assist in investigating, containing, and remediating the incident and will continue to monitor the situation. We maintain, and will continue to maintain, safeguards to help protect the security of your personal information, including ongoing review of the security of legacy systems.

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## ***What You Can Do.***

Because of the risks that always come with tax-related information, we advise you to take steps to ensure that your 2020 tax returns have been timely filed. This is the single best way to avoid wrongfully filed tax returns, which is the most common form of tax-related wrongdoing arising from identity theft. You may learn more information about tax-related wrongdoing and identity theft prevention at [www.irs.gov/identity-theft-central](http://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-central).

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for twelve months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for twelve months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration).

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary twelve-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by January 31, 2022** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-877-890-9332 by **January 31, 2022**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B020360** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

There are additional steps you can take to protect against potential fraudulent activity. You are entitled to obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge. A credit report contains information about your credit history and the status of your credit accounts. Your credit report could alert you to fraudulent activity being carried on in your name by an identity thief. Please remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing all of your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports by contacting any one of the national consumer reporting agencies set forth below.

The agencies can also provide you with information on how to place a fraud alert or security freeze on your account. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

**Equifax**  
P.O. Box 105069  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069  
1-800-836-6351  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**  
P.O. Box 9532  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion**  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

***For More Information.***

Should you have any questions regarding the incident or the contents of this letter, you may contact us by calling us at (310) 828-9798 or emailing us at [security-info@bpmcpa.com](mailto:security-info@bpmcpa.com). We remain committed to protecting your personal information. We again sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this incident. We are undertaking measures to further secure your personal information, and are continuously monitoring our processes to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Parent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "P".

Rick Parent  
On behalf of BPM LLP and Gumbiner Savett Inc.



## **ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP**

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.