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Attorney General Aaron Frey Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division Security Breach Notification 111 Sewall Street, 6th Floor Augusta, ME 04330

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

To Whom it May Concern:

We represent Lee Enterprises ("Lee"), located at 4600 East 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52807, and are writing to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to approximately 13 residents. This notice may be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Lee does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maine law, the applicability of the Maine data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

1. Nature of the Data Event

On or around May 28, 2025, Lee learned that personal information of certain individuals was potentially accessed without authorization. The unauthorized access was the result of a suspicious event Lee discovered on or about February 3, 2025. Upon discovery, Lee immediately took steps to address the issue and secure its network environment, including engaging a team of cybersecurity experts and launching a comprehensive investigation. The investigation determined that information may have been accessed or acquired without authorization on February 3, 2025. Lee thereafter undertook a comprehensive review and determined that personal information may have been included. This process was completed on May 28, 2025.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access and/or acquisition includes first and last name, as well as Social Security number.

2. Notice to Maine Residents

On or about June 3, 2025, Lee provided written notice of this event to approximately 13 residents.

3. Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

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

Additionally, Lee is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected events of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. Lee 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 events 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.

4. Contact Information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>jcherry@constangy.com</u> or 207.745.1397.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Consumer Notification Letter