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Consumer Protection Division  
Security Breach Notifications  
Office of the Attorney General of Iowa  
1305 E. Walnut Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0106

Re: Notice of Data Security Breach

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Taco John's of Iowa ("TJIA") and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of personal information relating to 5,451 Iowa residents.

On January 26, 2018, our client learned that a server containing information regarding current and former employees of TJIA and its related companies, Byrne Companies and VistaComm, LLC may have been improperly accessed by an unauthorized third party. TJIA immediately began investigating the incident and obtained the services of a computer security firm to assist with the investigation. As a result of the investigation, TJIA has determined that the server in question was compromised as the result of a phishing attack on or about July 14, 2017. The compromised server contained personal information about current and former employees, including name, address, telephone number, date of birth, compensation information, social security number and, if direct deposit was used by the employee, bank account number and bank routing number.

In response, TJIA has taken steps to eradicate the unauthorized access to the server and to restore the integrity of its systems, including taking off line, decommissioning, and/or replacing any affected computers or servers, as well as reconfiguring and enhancing certain firewall capabilities. TJIA has also communicated with the FBI about the incident and will continue to cooperate with the FBI's investigation into the incident. Further, TJIA is providing all affected individuals a complementary, one-year subscription to an identity-theft detection and resolution product from Experian, called Experian's® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>.

Beginning today, TJIA will send preliminary written notice to all affected individuals, including 5,451 Iowa residents. Written notice will be provided in the format of the letters attached hereto.

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Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security incident.

Very truly yours,

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