July 27, 2023

## VIA ONLINE FORM TRANSMISSION

Attorney General Aaron Frey Attn: Security Breach Notification 6 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Report of Security Breach Pursuant to M.R.S.A. 1346-1350-B

Dear Attorney General Frey:

We are writing on behalf of First Security Benefit Life Insurance and Annuity Company of New York ("Company") to advise you of an incident that may affect the security of personal information relating to approximately ten Maine residents. By providing this notice, the Company does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maine law or personal jurisdiction.

On July 13, 2023, Clear Spring Life and Annuity Company ("CSLAC") notified the Company of a ransomware incident that may have affected personal information belonging to one or more of the Company's current or former contract holders, and their beneficiaries, annuitants, and payees (the "Impacted Individuals"). CSLAC is retrocessionaire to certain of the Company's liabilities under an Indemnity Retrocession Agreement between the Company and CSLAC (formerly Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company), pursuant to which it administers the contracts at issue. CSLAC advised that the ransomware incident is reported to involve ten Impacted Individuals who reside in the State of Maine and that the files potentially accessed by the attacker contained personal information including name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and policy/contract number of certain Company agents, policy/contract holders, annuitants, beneficiaries, and payees.

CSLAC has further advised that it will be reporting the ransomware incident to your office separately with respect to any CSLAC consumers who were potentially impacted.

The Company is continuing to investigate this matter and will supplement this incident report if developments warrant any change to the information provided herein.

The Company is not aware, and CSLAC has advised that it is not aware, of any fraudulent or malicious use of personal information of the affected Maine residents at this time. CSLAC is sending the attached notices, on the Company's behalf, via first class mail to the affected Maine residents on July 28, 2023, and CSLAC has arranged to make credit monitoring and identity protection services by IDX available to the individual at no cost for

two (2) years. These services include assisting individuals with credit restoration, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and credit monitoring as described in the attached notice.

Please contact the undersigned at <u>paige.blevins@securitybenefit.com</u> should you need further information or have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Paige Blevins Assistant Counsel

Attachments