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January 2022 To: OPR Licensees From: S. Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation Re: Phishing Attempts

The Office of Professional Regulation is aware that multiple phishing emails are being sent to OPR's licensees. OPR would not ask you to click on a link to update sensitive or private information. Your safety is important to us. <u>Any private information required by OPR is collected in an application or renewal process within an individual and password protected account or to verify your identity when you contact OPR.</u>

Another great tip to avoid phishing attempts is to look at the web address or the email address of the author. All State of Vermont email addresses end with @vermont.gov. OPR's licensing portals web address is: https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov/ and bulk emails would come from: sos.opr.donotreply@vermont.gov

We apologize for all inconveniences this causes you. If you did enter information into a site that might be fraudulent, we encourage you to monitor your credit profile.





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Dear Licensees, Applicants, and other interested parties,

The Office of Professional Regulation has been made aware of licensees being contacted by entities requesting financial information, some of which are using a "caller-id spoofing" service to appear as though they are calling from a State of Vermont phone line. If you ever have a question on whether you have been contacted by OPR, please email our Office directly at <u>sos.renewalckerk@vermont.gov</u>. The Office of Professional Regulation has not and will not contact you requiring your financial information.

A list off office staff can be found on our <u>website</u>. If you have been a recipient of one of these calls, please report this to the Vermont Attorney General's Office using the following link: <u>https://ago.vermont.gov/cap/stopping-scams/</u>.

Sincerely,

The Office of Professional Regulation

