

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY



September 11, 2024

Dear

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of utmost importance to Sono Bello. We are writing with important information regarding a recent data security incident that involved some of your information. We want to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

Sono Bello recently learned that an unauthorized individual obtained access to one employee email account between May 14, 2024 and May 16, 2024. There was no further compromise to Sono Bello's network environment beyond this account. Upon learning of this issue, Sono Bello immediately took steps to remediate the incident and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we determined on August 21, 2024 that the impacted email account that was accessed contained a limited amount of personal information, including

Sono Bello is not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your information as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Sono Bello wanted to make you aware of the incident. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of identity theft protection services through Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. For more information on identity theft prevention and Experian IdentityWorks, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and/or Security Freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. Sono Bello remains committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have questions regarding this letter or credit monitoring enrollment, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at

Sincerely,

**Sono Bello** 5250 Carillon Point Kirkland, WA 98033

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## - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

# 1. Enrolling in Complimentary 24-Month Credit Monitoring.

# Activate Experian IdentityWorks in Three Easy Steps

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<ol> <li>ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.)</li> <li>VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll:</li> <li>PROVIDE the Activation Code:</li> </ol>
If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at by by . Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.
ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:
A credit card is <b>not</b> required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian <b>immediately without needing to enroll in the product</b> regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:
<ul> <li>Experian credit report at signup*: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.</li> <li>Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.</li> <li>Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.</li> <li>\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.</li> </ul>
Activate your membership today at or call to register with the activation code above.
What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s).
Please refer to for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

# 2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three (3) major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one (1) credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

**Equifax** 

P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/ (800) 525-6285 **Experian** 

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 https://www.experian.com/ fraud/center.html (888) 397-3742 **TransUnion** 

Fraud Victim Assistance Dept. P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 https://www.transunion.com/ fraud-alerts (800) 680-7289

#### 3. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a>
(888)-298-0045

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 https://www.transunion.com/ credit-freeze (888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

## 4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one (1) free credit report every twelve (12) months from each of the above three (3) major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call 1-877-322-8228 or request your free credit reports online at www.annualcreditreport.com. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

## 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

Massachusetts Residents: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.