## R.L. VALLEE, INC.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY



Dear

We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident. The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to R.L. Vallee, Inc. We wanted 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 personal information.

We recently learned that an unauthorized individual may have obtained access to our network. Upon learning of this issue, we secured the network and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we determined on April 13, 2022 that a limited amount of your personal information may have been accessed or acquired from our network between February 22, 2022 and March 28, 2022, including your full name, Social Security number, and financial account information.

We have no evidence that any of your information has been or will be misused for identity theft. Nevertheless, to protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

Also provided in the "Other Important Information" portion of this letter are 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. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken additional robust precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our c	<u>l</u> edicated and confidential toll-free
response line that we have set up to respond to questions at	. This response line is staffed with
professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can d	lo to protect against misuse of your
information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6	5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding all
major U.S. Holidays.	

Sincerely,
R.L. Vallee, Inc.

### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

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

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.) 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- 3. PROVIDE the **Activation Code**:

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 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services engagement number by Experian.

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN **IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:**

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian immediately without needing to enroll in the product 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:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

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

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 24-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial 1-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 major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 6790
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Fullerton, PA 92834-6790
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	https://www.experian.com/fraud/	https://www.transunion.com/fraud-
credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/	center.html	<u>alerts</u>
(800) 525-6285	(888) 397-3742	(800) 680-7289

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

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:

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-http://experian.com/freeze services/credit-freeze/

(800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013

(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016

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 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 free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three 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.

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 this letter indicates that your financial account number was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about ways in which you can protect your account, including obtaining a new account number.

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.