VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES OFFICE OF CHARITABLE AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

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OCRP REGULATORY PROGRAMS COMPLAINT FORM

Programs administered by OCRP

The Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs (OCRP) in the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) administers the provisions of the following programs:

Regulatory Program	Virginia Code Section
The Virginia Credit Services Businesses Act	§ 59.1-335.1 et seq.
The Virginia Extended Service Contract Act	§ 59.1-435 et seq.
The Virginia Health Club Act	§ 59.1-294 et seq.
The Virginia Membership Camping Act	§ 59.1-311 et seq.
The Virginia Prepaid Legal Services Plan Act	§ 59.1-441.1 et seq.
The Virginia Travel Club Act	§ 59.1-445 et seq.
The Virginia Home Service Contract Act	§ 59.1-434.1 et seq.

For complaints involving a business **not included** in the above regulatory programs, please contact the Consumer Protection Section in the Office of the Attorney General at 800.552.9963 or 804.786.2042, or visit <u>www.oag.state.va.us</u> and select "Consumer Protection."

Who should use this complaint form?

Before completing this form, consumers should attempt to resolve their complaint directly with the business. If resolution of the complaint is unsuccessful between the consumer and the business, then the consumer may consider completing and filing this form to seek possible resolution of his/her complaint.

What happens to this complaint form once OCRP receives it?

OCRP will review the complaint, assign it a complaint number and notify you of our actions or recommendations. To facilitate the complaint review process, you should include a copy of supporting documents such as copies of contracts, proof of payments (itemized credit card/bank card statements, receipts) and any correspondence between you and the business (letters, emails, etc). Please remember to black out any bank account numbers, credit card numbers, or Social Security numbers prior to submitting the documents to this office.

Disclaimers and Affidavits:

• All complaints, whether substantiated or not, will be retained within VDACS' records for three years from the date the complaint is closed by VDACS. Afterward, VDACS will destroy

the records in accordance with the Virginia Public Records Act, Virginia Code Section 42.1-76 et seq.

- The complaint form, except for sensitive personal or financial information, is subject to disclosure under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3700 et seq. For this reason, you should black out Social Security numbers, bank account numbers or credit card numbers on any information sent to VDACS with this form.
- The information requested on this form and all subsequent requests by VDACS for additional information are subject to the Virginia Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3800 et seq.
- OCRP may not be able to resolve your complaint if it is beyond the scope of OCRP's regulatory authority. You do not waive your right to private action by filing a complaint with OCRP and in some cases, private legal action may be your only recourse to resolve your complaint, but this is something that you should discuss with legal counsel. **OCRP cannot provide you with legal advice.**
- **OCRP** has no regulatory authority to resolve contract disputes regarding home service contracts. As stated above, filing the complaint with this office does not waive your right of private action. Should you pursue your complaint in the courts and receive a monetary judgement against the contract provider, you can submit a complaint form at that time along with a copy of the judgement. If surety has been filed by the company with this Agency, we can use the judgment to draw against the surety to obtain the monetary amount for you, if the company doesn't pay the judgement within a reasonable amount of time.

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SECTION 1 – COMPLAINANT INFORMATION						
Mr. Mrs. Ms.	Last Name		First Name			Middle Initial
Mailing Address					Apt. or Suite Number	
City				State	Zip Code	
Primary phone number, incl. area code Alternate phone num		umber, incl. area code	Preferred method of contact (Phone, email, mail)?		Phone, email, mail)?	
City or County of Residence		E-mail Address				

SECTION 2 – REGULATED BUSINESS INFORMATION				
Name of Business				
Mailing or Physical Street Address				
City		State	Zip Code	
Telephone number incl. area code	Website or Internet Address (URL)			

SECTION 3 – COMPLAINT INFORMATION						
Did you sign a contract with the If yes		If yes , please attach a copy of		Contract start date:	Contract expiration date:	
business? Yes No the contract an		the contract and	d indicate the			
		following:				
Total amount paid: Amount in dispute:		n dispute:	Attach COPIES of your contract, proof of payment such as cancelled checks, itemized			
		credit card statements, etc., and any correspondence pertinent to this complaint.				
		Remember to black out any bank account numbers, credit card numbers, or Social				
			Security numbers.			

SECTION 4 – RESOLUTION ATTEMPTED BY COMPLAINANT						
Did you contact the business on	If yes, name of	person most recently contacted:	Person's telephone number, including area code			
this matter? Yes No						
What resolution are you seeking?						
List any other agencies or organizations you have contacted to attempt to resolve this particular complaint:						
Do you have an attorney for this	If yes nor	a of the attorney:	Attorney's phone number (including area code):			
	If yes , name of the attorney:		torney's phone number (including area code).			
complaint? Yes No						
Has this complaint been heard in court or is it		If yes, where is the court located and when is the matter set to be heard?				
scheduled to be heard In court?						
Yes	No					

SECTION 5 – FULL DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT (Use additional sheets if necessary)

SECTION 6 – DISCLAIMERS AND AFFIDAVITS

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 form.
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- By signing this form, you authorize the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and any other local, state or federal agencies with which we may work on this matter, to evaluate your complaint, to contact you, and to take whatever lawful actions are deemed appropriate with regard to your complaint.
- By signing this form, you certify that the statements made herein or on any attached documentation are true and complete to the best of your knowledge, information, and belief.
- By signing this form, you acknowledge OCRP may not be able to resolve your complaint if it is beyond the scope of OCRP's regulatory authority. You do not waive your right to private action by filing a complaint with OCRP and in some cases, private legal action may be your only recourse to resolve your complaint, but this is something that you should discuss with legal counsel. **OCRP cannot provide you with legal advice.**

Signature of complainant or authorized agent

Date

Mail to: VDACS, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218 Scan and Email to: ocrpregulatory@vdacs.virginia.gov