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Date: March 6, 2013

Andrea L. Mathias, M.D., Chair
Maryland State Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

RE: Permanent Surrender of License
License Number: R10302
Case Number: 2011-0873

Dear Dr. Mathias and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice radiography in the State of Maryland, License Number R10302, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not perform radiography on any individual, with or without compensation, and cannot otherwise engage in the practice of radiography in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistants Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ."), §§ 14-5B-01 *et seq.*, (2009 Repl. Vol.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and on the Board's acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to permanently surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland arises from an investigation of my license by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") and the Office of the Attorney General. The investigation determined that I had violated a disposition agreement (the "Disposition Agreement") I entered into with the Board, dated January 31, 2012.

I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice radiography in the State of Maryland to avoid issuance and prosecution of disciplinary charges by the Office of the Attorney General and the Board against me. I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of this matter and voted to issue disciplinary charges against me for violating the Disposition Agreement. Specifically, the Board's investigation

determined that I violated the Disposition Agreement by being discharged for cause from the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program for failing to contact the toxicology line on December 17 and 18, 2012, and for missing a urine drug screen on December 18, 2012.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Permanent Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned violations. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Office of the Attorney General would submit evidence to support the investigatory findings made in this case. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to radiography licensure, those investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

I understand that by executing this Permanent Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest any charges the Board could have issued based on the aforementioned investigation in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I affirm that as of the date of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I am no longer practicing radiography and, should the Board accept this Permanent Letter of Surrender, will not practice radiography in the State of Maryland.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioners' Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, and in any response to any inquiry, that I have permanently surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Permanent Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't., § 10-611 *et seq.*, (2009 Repl.), and that this Permanent Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I acknowledge that upon the Board's acceptance of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my original Maryland radiography license number R10302 and my most recent wallet-sized renewal card.

I further recognize and agree that by tendering this Permanent Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain permanently surrendered. In other words, I agree that I have no right to reapply for a license to practice radiography in the State of Maryland. I further agree that the Board is not obligated to consider any application for licensure that I might file at a future date and that I waive any hearing rights that I might possess regarding any such application.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been given an opportunity to consult with counsel before signing this Permanent Letter of Surrender but elected not to do so. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Permanent Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,



William A. Chesser

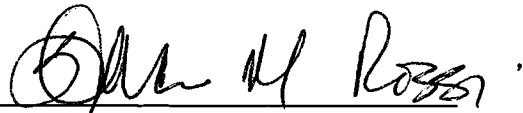
NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Harford

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6th day of March, 2013, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appear William A. Chesser, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 11/25/2015

<p>SHARON M. ROSSI Notary Public Harford County Maryland My Commission Expires Nov. 25, 2015</p>

ACCEPTANCE

On this 1st day of April, 2013, I, Andrea L. Mathias, M.D., on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Physicians, accept William A. Chesser's **PUBLIC PERMANENT SURRENDER** of his license to practice radiography in the State of Maryland.

Andrea Mathias, MD, MPH
Andrea L. Mathias, M.D.
Chair
Maryland State Board of Physicians
w/ permission
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