Virginia M. Vesay, P.A.-C.

June 3, 2016

Damean Freas, D.O., Chair Disciplinary Panel B Maryland Board of Physicians 4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor Baltimore, MD 21215

RE: Permanent Surrender of License to Practice as a Physician Assistant

License Number: C02940

MBP Case Number: 2016-0715B

Dear Dr. Freas and Members of Disciplinary Panel B,

Please be advised that I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland, License Number C02940, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not give medical advice or treatment to any individual, with or without compensation, and cannot prescribe medications or otherwise engage in the practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Physician Assistants Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 15-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this 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 Permanent Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and on Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians' (the "Board's") acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel B.

I acknowledge that the Board opened an investigation based on the criminal charges that are pending against me in the State of Pennsylvania. The charges issued in the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County are related to allegations that I fraudulently wrote and passed prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances and that I wrote prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances using a doctor's name without his permission. I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland in lieu of further investigation and disciplinary action related to the Pennsylvania criminal charges. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to medical licensure that these allegations shall be treated as proven and that these allegations support a conclusion that I violated Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(3)(ii) (unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine) and (27) (sells, prescribes, gives away, or administers drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purposes).

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Permanent Letter of Surrender to avoid the issuance of charges and prosecution of the Dr. Freas and Members of Disciplinary Panel B

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aforementioned allegations in order to resolve this matter because I no longer wish to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland.

I understand that by executing this Permanent Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to contest any charges that would issue from Panel B's investigative findings 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 to circuit court.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license as if it were revoked. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Permanent Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board or Panel B to the same extent as a Final Order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Gen Prov. § 4-101 *et seq.* (2014), and that this Permanent Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by Panel B.

I affirm that as of the date of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I will present to the Board my original Maryland medical license number C02940, and my most recent wallet-sized renewal card. I also affirm that I will provide access to and copies of patient medical records in compliance with Title 4, subtitle 3 of the Health General Article.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting 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 and will not reapply for a license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland. I further acknowledge that the Board is not obligated to consider any application for licensure or reinstatement that I might file at a future date and that I waive any hearing rights 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 advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before Panel B, including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of Panel B'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 voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

Virginia M.Vesay, P.A.-C.

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NOTARY

STATE OF <u>Pennsylvania</u>
CITY/COUNTY OF <u>Schuy | Kill</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of June, 2016 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia M. Vesay, P.A.-C., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Permanent Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL Jason Muraczewski, Notary Public Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County My Commission Expires February 05, 2017

Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-05-2017.

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland Board of Physicians, on this _____day of June, 2016, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept Virginia M. Vesay, P.A.-C's PERMANENT SURRENDER of her license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland.

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director

Maryland Board of Physicians