Karl Stoffel

Date: __ 4.26-76

Disciplinary Panel A Maryland Board of Physicians 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Respiratory Care License

License Number: L00382

MBP Case Number: 2016-0053A

Dear Members of Disciplinary Panel A:

I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in the State of Maryland, License Number L00382, effective immediately. I understand that the surrender of my license means that I may not evaluate, care for, and treat, including the diagnostic evaluation of, individuals who have deficiencies and abnormalities that affect the pulmonary system and associated aspects of the cardiopulmonary and other systems under the supervision and in collaboration with a physician or otherwise engage in the practice of respiratory care in the State of Maryland, as it is defined in the Maryland Respiratory Care Practitioners Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ. II") §§ 14-5A-01 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 Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and on Disciplinary Panel A's ("Panel A") acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel A of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board").

I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of my practice and on March 9, 2016, Disciplinary Panel A voted to issued disciplinary charges against me under Health Occ. §§ 14-5A-17(a)(3) (unprofessional conduct in the practice of respiratory care), (10) (willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of respiratory care), (14) (knowingly makes a misrepresentation while practicing respiratory care) and (18) (fails to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of respiratory care) of the Act. Specifically, it is alleged that violated the Act when I charted full ventilation checks on several patients without first evaluating those patients. The complaint further alleged that my supervisor observed my work flow on two consecutive days, and during that time, observed me documenting full ventilation checks on the patients without ever entering the patients' rooms. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to medical licensure that these allegations shall be treated as proven

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and I acknowledge that these allegations support a conclusion that I violated the above provisions of the Act.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in Maryland to avoid disciplinary action as a result of the allegations against me. In addition, I have decided that I no longer wish to practice as a respiratory care practitioner.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid further disciplinary action. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to contest any charges that would issue from Panel A'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 Databank of this Letter of Surrender, and in any 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 a license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender 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., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by Panel A.

I affirm that as of the date of this Letter of Surrender, I will present to the Board my original Maryland respiratory care practitioner license number L00382 and my most recent wallet-sized renewal card.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain surrendered unless and until Panel A or its successor grants reinstatement. In the event that if I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland respiratory care practitioner license, I understand that Panel A or its successor is not required to grant reinstatement; and, if it does grant reinstatement, may impose additional terms and conditions. I further understand that if I ever file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach Panel A or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I bear the burden of demonstrating my professional competence and fitness to practice respiratory care to the satisfaction of Panel A or its successor.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this 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 an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before Panel A including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I have knowingly and willfully waived my right to be

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represented by an attorney before signing this letter surrendering my license to practice respiratory care in Maryland. I understand both the nature of Panel A's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

Karl Stoffel

NOTARY SEAL

STATE OF MARYLAND CITY/COUNTY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26 day of APRICO, 2016, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid personally appeared Karl Stoffel and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

Notary Public WILLIAM CYFORD

My commission expires: $\frac{2/9/17}{}$

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ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel A, on this 12th day of May 2016, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept Karl Stoffel's PUBLIC SURRENDER of his license to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in the State of Maryland.

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director

Maryland Board of Physicians