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Damean W. E. Freas, D.O., Chair Maryland State Board of Physicians Disciplinary Panel B 4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

RE: Permanent Surrender of License to Practice Medicine

License Number: D27925 Case Number: 7717-0022

Dear Dr. Freas and Members of Disciplinary Panel B:

Please be advised that I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D27925, effective immediately upon the Board's acceptance of this letter. 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 of medicine in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ."), §§ 14-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2016 Supp.) 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 the acceptance of Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians ("Panel B" of the "Board"), becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel B.

On September 2, 2016, Panel B issued a final order (the "Order"), in case number 2015-0022 (attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1). *Inter alia*, the Order: concluded that I committed immoral and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(i) and (ii); suspended my license for a minimum period of one year; and required that I enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (MPRP) within fifteen business days. After an investigation, the Board voted to issue charges that I violated the requirement that I enroll in the MPRP within fifteen business days.

I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice as a physician in the State of Maryland in lieu of further disciplinary action. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the investigatory findings it made in this case. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to medical licensure, those investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

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 response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action. 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 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., Gen Prov., § 4-101 et seq., (2014), and that this Permanent Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by Panel B.

Upon the Board's acceptance of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, if I have not already done so, I shall present to the Board my original Maryland medical license number D27925 and my most recent wallet-sized renewal card; and any controlled dangerous substances in my possession, other than those legitimately prescribed by a licensed physician for me. I affirm that I have destroyed all prescription forms and pads on which my name and Drug Enforcement Administration Registration Number are imprinted. I shall also deliver to the Maryland Office of Controlled Substances Administration, 4201 Patterson Avenue, 1st Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, my Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances Certificate; and my Drug Enforcement Administration Registration Card to Drug Enforcement Administration, 500 K Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20001. I affirm that I shall comply with the requirements regarding access to patient medical records under Title 4, subtitle 3 of the Health General Article. However, I affirm that I am no longer responsible for the maintenance of any patient records, as I have relinquished ownership of my practice, and custodianship of all patient records to new owners.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I recognize that by submitting this Permanent Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain permanently surrendered and that I shall not reapply for a license to practice as a physician in the State of Maryland.

Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to consult with counsel before signing this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I fully understand both the nature of the Panel B's actions and this Permanent Letter of Surrender. 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.

medicine in the State of Maryland.

Very truly yours,

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