

SYBIL LUCAS, EHS 001173

Robert W. Sheesley, E.H.S
Chair, Board of Environmental Health Specialists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2254

Re: Surrender of license to practice as Environmental Health Specialist
License No. 001173

Dear Mr. Sheesley,

I agree to voluntarily surrender my license to practice as an environmental health specialist ("EHS") in the State of Maryland, license number **001173**, to the Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists (the "Board"). I understand that I may not engage in the practice of an EHS, with or without compensation, as it is defined in the Maryland Environmental Health Specialists Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Art. ("HO") § 21-101 *et seq.* and the Board's regulations, COMAR 10.60.04 *et seq.* In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that I am in the same position as an individual who is not licensed to practice as an EHS. I understand that this Letter of Surrender shall become a **PUBLIC** document and shall become effective on the date of the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender. I agree that this letter may be released or published by the Board on its website for an indefinite period of time as a final decision and order under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., §§ 4-101, *et seq.* (2014).

On March 28, 2016, the Board received a complaint from my former employer, a local health department, alleging that I had falsified two food services facility inspection reports for two restaurants located in Anne Arundel County. I later admitted to my employer and to the Board's investigator that I had indeed falsified the reports. By document dated September 15, 2016, I was notified that based on the foregoing facts, the Board has sufficient evidence to find that I have violated the Environmental Health Specialists Act, specifically HO §§ 21-101(b)(3) ("Knowingly violates any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation adopted under this title"); (4) ("Commits any gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct while performing the duties of an environmental health specialist"); (8) ("Willfully makes or files a false report or records while performed the duties of an environmental health specialist"); and (13) ("Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board[.]")

In executing this agreement to surrender my license to practice as an EHS to the Board, I agree that I will not apply for reinstatement for a period of **TWO (2) YEARS** following the date of the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender. I also agree that if, after a period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, I decide to apply for reinstatement as an EHS in Maryland, I will approach the Board in the same posture as a non-licensed individual whose license has been revoked. In considering my application for reinstatement of my EHS license, the Board may review my entire Board file, including any information the Board receives after execution of this letter. I also understand that in considering any future application for reinstatement of my license, the

Board may require me to undergo medical, psychological, and/or psychiatric evaluations to determine my fitness to have my license to practice as an EHS reinstated. I understand that it will be my burden, as an applicant for reinstatement, to demonstrate that I meet all of the Board's requirements for reinstatement of my license at the time I submit a reinstatement application. I understand that the Board shall have sole and absolute discretion to accept or deny any application I may file irrespective of whether I meet the requirements of the Act or the implementing regulations. I understand that if the Board reinstates my license, it will be reinstated through the Board's disciplinary process and that my license will only be reinstated by the Board's issuance of a public order of reinstatement and that the Board may, in its discretion, place my reinstated license on probation subject to terms and conditions.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that if this matter proceeded to a hearing, there exists enough evidence for me to be disciplined under the Environmental Health Specialist Act. I understand that, by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving the right, now and in the future to any evidentiary hearing at which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I understand the nature and effect of both the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have had an opportunity to discuss this matter with legal counsel and I willingly, knowingly and voluntarily sign this Letter of Surrender.

Sincerely,


Sybil Lucas

1/26/17
Date

NOTARIZATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26 day of January, 2017, before me, Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, **Sybil Lucas** personally appeared, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was the voluntary act and deed of **Sybil Lucas**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

SEAL

Fatma Galbraith
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 21, 2020



ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS, on this 1 day of February, 2017, I accept **Sybil Lucas**' signed and notarized public Letter of Surrender of her license to practice as an EHS in the State of Maryland.

2/1/2017
Date

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