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Date: September 1, 2017

Arthur C. Jee, D.M.D., President
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners
Benjamin Rush Building
55 Wade Avenue/Tulip Drive
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

RE: Surrender of License to Practice Dentistry
License Number: 15738 (expired)
Case Number: 2016-148

Dear Dr. Jee and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland, License Number 15738, effective immediately upon the Board's acceptance of this letter. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice dentistry in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Dentistry Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. I ("Health Occ."), §§ 4-101 *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 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 the Board, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a dentist in the State of Maryland in lieu of disciplinary action on the Charges issued in this case (attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1). I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the allegations made in this case. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to licensure, those allegations will be treated as if proven.

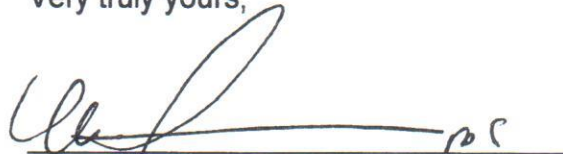
I understand that the Board may advise appropriate entities I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative 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 Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

Upon the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, if I have not already done so, I shall present to the Board my original Maryland dental license number 15738, my most recent renewal card, and any other official indicia of licensure.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I recognize that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain surrendered for at least three (3) years, and that I shall not reapply for a license to practice as a dentist in the State of Maryland during that time period.

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

Very truly yours,


Michael A. Sims, D.D.S.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Fairfax

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7 day of Sept. 2017, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appear Michael A. Sims, D.D.S., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Permanent Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

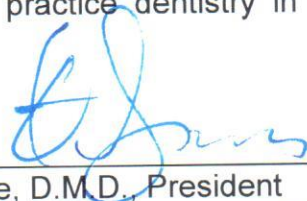

Notary Public

My Commission expires: Dec. 31, 2020



BOARD ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, on this 20TH
day of SEPTEMBER 2017, I, Arthur C. Jee, D.M.D., accept Michael
A. Sims, D.D.S.'s **SURRENDER** of his license to practice dentistry in the State of
Maryland.



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