July 7th, 2011

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Michael N. Souranis, P.D., President
State Board of Pharmacy
4201 Patterson – 1st Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Surrender of Pharmacy License
License No. 14166
Case No. 09-028

Dear Mr. Souranis and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland, License Number 14166. I understand that I may not give pharmacy advice or dispense medication to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, cannot dispense medication or assist in the dispensing or filling of medication orders or otherwise engage in the practice of pharmacy, as it is defined in the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol). In other words, as of July 7th, 2011, 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.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the Board).
The Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act. Specifically, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under §12-313:

(b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;

(5) Provides professional services while:

(ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as defined in § 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication;

(15) Dispenses any drug, device, or diagnostic for which a prescription is required without a written, oral, or electronically transmitted prescription from an authorized prescriber;

(21) Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent;

(25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;

(29) Fails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board or the Division of Drug Control [;].

The Board further charged me with violating the Code of Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 34.10-Pharmacist Code of Conduct (November 12, 2001):

01. Patient Safety and Welfare.

A. A pharmacist shall:

(1) Abide by all federal and State laws relating to the practice of pharmacy . . . including but not limited to:
(a) United States Code, Title 21,

(b) Health-General Article, Titles 21, and 22, Annotated Code of Maryland,

(c) Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Annotated Code of Maryland,

(d) Article 27, 276-304, Annotated Code of Maryland, and

(e) COMAR 10.19.03[.]

The above charges were based upon my refusal to cooperate with an evaluation ordered by the Board.

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised on the Board’s actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice pharmacy in Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the aforementioned charges, based upon the state of my health. The basis for the charges against me include the findings of the investigation described above, and, by virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest these 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 to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I hereby affirm that I have permanently terminated any practice that I had in Maryland.
Enclosure

cc:  John Nugent, Principal Counsel (w/encl.)
     LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director (w/o encl.)
     Linda Bethman, Assistant Attorney General
     Board Counsel (w/o encl.)
     YuZon Wu, P.D., Pharmacist Compliance Officer (w/o encl.)
     Vanessa Thomas-Gray (w/encl.)
I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my pharmacist license, number 14166, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise any data agency that it must report to of this Letter of Surrender, and, in any response to inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that, in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying 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. State Gov’t Code Ann §10-611, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol.).

I further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender that my license will remain surrendered until such time as I fully cooperate with an Evaluator that the Board refers me to and meet any other conditions that the Board sets forth following a Case Resolution Conference following my Petition for reinstatement, which must be submitted within five years of the effective date of this Letter. Otherwise, I must meet the requirements of a new licensee, in addition to complying with any other conditions set by the Board, including full cooperation with an Evaluator selected by the Board.

Finally, I wish to make clear that I have not consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender, although I was advised that I had the opportunity to do so. I understand both the nature of the Board’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,

Tanya Lilliston, P.D.
NOTARY

STATE OF Virginia:

CITY/COUNTY OF Accomack:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of July, 2011, before me, Nancy Jo Revell, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Tanya Lilliston, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing letter of surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

My Commission Expires: 08/31/12
ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, on this 15th day of July, 2011, I accept Tanya Lilliston's public letter of surrender of her license to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland.

[Signature]
Michael N. Souranis, P.D., President
Board of Pharmacy

cc: John S. Nugent, Principal Counsel
    Linda Bethman, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
    Roberta Gill, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor
    Vanessa Thomas-Gray, Investigator
    YuZon Wu, Pharmacist Compliance Officer
    Gloria Toney Brown, Administrative Officer
    Rosalind Spellman, Administrative Officer