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Date: 5/28/14

Judy Levy, LCSW-C, Chair
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Surrender of License to Practice Social Work
License Number: 00584
Case Number: 12-1797

Dear Ms. Levy and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 00584.

I understand that I may not give social work advice or treatment to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, cannot counsel, diagnose or provide therapy to people or otherwise engage in the practice of clinical social work, as it is defined in the Social Work Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") § 19-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. & 2011 Supp.).

In addition, I will refrain from identifying myself as a practitioner of social work; I will remove all signs or similar advertisements that indicate authority to practice social work; and I will not use letterhead or business cards indicating authority to practice social work.

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 Board's acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland has been prompted by a number of factors including: (a) on March 19, 2013, the Board summarily suspended my license to practice social work. As a result, I lost all of my clients and do not think it possible for me to re-establish a social work clientele should I decide to defend against the charges levied against me by the Board of Social Work Examiners issued a year after my summary suspension; (b) I am 66 years of age and ready for retirement; (c) The

suspension was entered without a prior hearing and although it was upheld following a hearing, it was issued without regard to applicable statutory safeguards; and (d) the Board continues to pursue its investigation of my licensure and has issued new charges against me dated March 14, 2014 which I do not have the resources nor the desire nor the energy to mount a defense against charges against me pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations, § 19-311(4), (6) and (7).

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland to resolve this matter and to avoid prosecution of the charges against me by the Board. 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 any charges that would issue from the Board's investigative findings and its vote to issue charges 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.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland social work license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

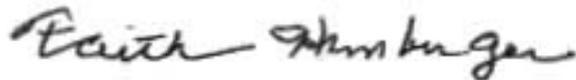
I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioner's Data Bank, and the Health Care Integrity Data Bank, and any other required entities of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, will advise that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as a resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that, in the event that I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that 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. and 2011 Supp.). Finally, I understand that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender my license will remain surrendered for a minimum of three (3) years. However, I have no intention of seeking reinstatement for the reasons stated herein.

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 consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. 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,

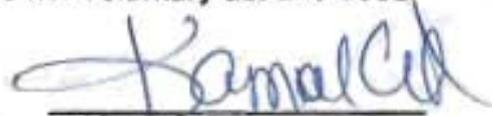


Faith Himberger

NOTARY SEAL

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of February, 2014, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid personally appeared Faith Himberger and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.



Notary Public

Kamal G. Ramchandani
Notary Public
Montgomery County
State of Maryland
Commission Expires 04/04/15

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, on this 13th
day of JUNE, 2014, I accept Faith Himberger's **PUBLIC**
SURRENDER of her license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.



Judy Levy, LCSW-C, Chair
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners